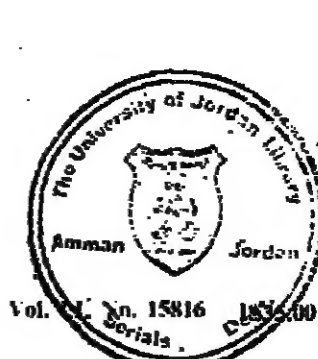


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Doctors demanding new gov't initiative

Jerusalem Post Staff
Talks between the striking doctors and the Finance Ministry appeared to collapse completely yesterday, with Dr. Ram Yishai, head of the Israel Medical Association (IMA), telling Health Minister Eliezer Shostak that it was "impossible" to continue the negotiations. In a cable to the minister, Yishai said: "To our sorrow your attempts to make progress in the negotiations in their present form have failed. This is because of the stand of the Treasury and the Treasury's refusal to move from its original position. Therefore there is no possibility of continuing the talks in their present framework." In their cable, the doctors demanded a meeting with the "full government negotiating team" including the ministers of health and finance, and called on the government to present suggestions for making progress in the talks on their own demand. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is due back in Israel today, after a visit for the Israel Bonds organization to the U.S. and England. A meeting yesterday between the IMA and Treasury officials was mostly technical and no progress was reported. The strike has been going on for 52 days. The strike is causing problems for the Israel Defence Forces, the IDF's manpower chief said yesterday. Alul Moshe Nativ said that this

was the first strike he could remember that had affected soldiers. Operations are being postponed, he complained. And he said: "I've asked Dr. Yishai to attend to the matter and he has promised me he will. I hope within a few days our soldiers will get the treatment they need." Nativ said that doctors staffing medical-aid boards are either in conscript or reserve service and are not affected by the dispute. However, he said, documentation needed by the boards for determining the medical profiles of reserve soldiers is in the possession of the health funds and has not been made available. This does not apply to soldiers in conscript service, whose files are held by the IDF and are therefore not affected. The executive of the Histadrut's Clalit health fund yesterday began discussing ways to ease the plight of its members in outlying areas where no private doctors practise. The discussions are to be continued next week. It was decided yesterday that although the IS600 that patients have to pay to the alternative medical stations will not be returned to them, it might be decided to honour the prescriptions and requests for laboratory and X-ray examinations written by the doctors. The executive also discussed the possibility of increasing the reimbursement of fees paid by patients. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)



An Israeli soldier yesterday guards Checkpoint Sofar on the Beirut-Damascus highway, the crossing point closest to Syrian lines.

3 more soldiers killed in Lebanon

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent
Three Israeli soldiers were killed in Lebanon Wednesday night and yesterday in two separate incidents. Seren (captain) Menahem Reich and Segen (lieutenant) Zvi Maklis, both 21, were killed in a clash with terrorists who had tried to infiltrate from Syrian-controlled territory on Wednesday night. The third soldier, a truck driver, was killed by small-arms fire south of Rashidiya. All four terrorist attackers were killed in Wednesday night's clash. Military sources said last night there was no connection between the two incidents and the tension between Israel and Syria. One should not read too much into the fact that the terrorist squad that killed the two officers infiltrated from Syrian territory, they asserted. The two were killed due to a certain lack of precaution. According to the reconstructed sequence of events, the four terrorists tried to infiltrate into Israeli-controlled territory at Majdal Bana, three kilometres southeast of Bhamdoun, at 10 p.m. Wednesday. A clash ensued and the terrorists were mowed down almost instantaneously. But one of the four fired a volley of automatic fire at the Israeli squad before he died, killing Reich and Maklis. In yesterday morning's incident

Israeli team at Halde talks are 'frustrated'

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israeli negotiators returned dejected last night from a long day of talks at Halde, Lebanon. Instead of the usual reports of progress, they spoke of "frustration," "a bad day" and lack of agreement. "We thought it could all be wrapped up, except for the Haddad issue, in a couple of weeks. But if this is how the Lebanese are going to act, it will take much longer," one Israeli negotiator said bitterly. The Israelis accused the Lebanese of renegeing, in effect, on oral agreements previously concluded. "When it came to putting the things down in writing," said the Israeli negotiator, "they simply backed off — and it was as though we'd never talked." Among the important issues set back in this way, according to Israeli sources, were: • The integration of the Haddad militiamen into the Lebanese Army "territorial brigade" that is to be deployed in the south; • Joint Israel Defence Forces-Lebanese patrols in South Lebanon; • Interim agreements on transit of persons and goods pending the conclusion of permanent pacts on aviation and other aspects of trade and transport after the IDF withdraw; • Arrangements for the liaison offices that each country is to set up in the other country. Israeli negotiators acknowledged that the setback over the integration of Haddad's men was probably linked to the ongoing deadlock over the future of Haddad himself. Israel and Lebanon are still divided over whether Major Haddad is to be commander of the territorial brigade or hold some lesser post. The negotiators on the Israeli, American and Lebanese teams had all expected the Haddad issue to be thrashed out on the higher policymaking level once they had wrapped up all the other drafting problems. But now it seems — at least on yesterday's record — that the residual drafting will take longer than had been hoped. Israeli negotiators said they had been surprised at the Lebanese turnabout on some of the points. They ascribed it to Syrian pressure on Lebanon and to internal wrangling within the Beirut government. They said it was often evident that different members of the Lebanese negotiating team represented different elements or political forces. The Israelis felt that the disarray and dissonance in the Lebanese team had increased markedly since the U.S. Embassy bombing. The three IDF fatalities in Lebanon announced yesterday added to the anger and despondency of the Israeli negotiators. But they tried to be philosophical. "You must expect such ups and downs in a negotiation," one Israeli official insisted.

Mandelbaum lashes out against government's economic policy

Post Economic Reporter
Exports fell last year for the first time in Israel's history. Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, launching an unprecedentedly scathing attack on the government's economic policy. In his survey of the economic scene, Mandelbaum said a one-time surge devaluation is inadvisable, since it would only fuel inflation even more. He added that further devaluation of the shekel against the basket of foreign currencies should be avoided. Output of the business sector, he said, was unchanged in 1982 compared to the year before, but public expenditures showed a 2 per cent increase. Excess government demand may have fallen due to new taxation, but the difference was matched by the public's reducing its savings, with the result that there was no drop in consumption. Mandelbaum concluded that there is no choice but to cut public spending if the economy's basic trends are to be altered. He also asserted that the linkage system is undesirable, because it keeps the economy from stabilizing itself and arms consumption. Nevertheless, he sees the industrialized West's current recovery as holding out a chance for Israel to increase its production and exports. Labour Knesset Member Adiel Amora said that the slowdown in devaluation cannot continue in the long term. He charged Mandelbaum with failing to sound all the alarm bells at his disposal, in light of the recently disclosed 27 per cent jump in Israel's balance of trade deficit. Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberal) demanded a serious cabinet debate of the governor's recommendations, and his comrade Yitzhak Zayger demanded that there be a monthly float of currency-exchange rates without government intervention. Imri Ron (Alignment-Mapam) asked Mandelbaum to provide more specific recommendations for encouraging employment in the productive sector. The committee voted to adopt the governor's recommendations and expressed its amazement that the cabinet has not discussed his report. It demanded that such a debate be held promptly with Mandelbaum's participation. The MKs also asked that the Bank of Israel submit a report semi-annually, regardless of the level of increase in means of payment.

Syria says Israel preparing attack

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter
Damascus yesterday responded to Israel's fears of Syrian military intentions in Lebanon by accusing Israel of preparing the ground for an attack on Syria. State-run Damascus Radio said yesterday that Israel is holding provocative military exercises in the Golan Heights while reinforcing its troops in eastern Lebanon — all in preparation for an imminent attack on Syria. The radio is quoted as saying that all facts and events indicate that an Israeli attack on Syria is imminent, particularly after the failure of the Reagan plan earlier this month. "If Washington has decided to overcome its strategic setback by giving Israel the green light for aggression on Syria, any aggressive adventure will not have safe consequences," the radio is quoted as saying. It went on to note that "Syria will not give in to threats or blackmail... or allow Israel to achieve any political or military gains in Lebanon." It pledged Syria's determination to "defend itself and the Arabs against any new aggression." The official Syrian news agency Sana reported yesterday that the speaker of Syria's parliament, Mahmoud Zoghbi, sent a note to the heads of international parliamentary organizations describing the situation in the Middle East as "now similar to the situation prevailing before all other Arab-Israeli wars." He went on to charge that "re-

Eitan gives several reasons Syria may resume hostilities

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan believes there are several reasons why the Syrians may resume hostilities. "If an agreement is signed with Lebanon not to the liking of the Syrians, this may be a reason for them opening fire. If they feel isolated and think there is no other way to find their place in the Arab world, this, too, may be a reason for opening fire, Eitan told girl students at a seminar at Ohalo near here. Eitan also said that if the Syrians feel that the Saudis are likely to cease their financial aid, the Syrians may threaten to start a war against the wishes of the Saudis. He also estimated that the terrorists are also likely to increase tension with Israel, to show that they still exist. If the negotiations with Lebanon

Haddad: Lebanese Army collaborates with Syrians

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — Major Sa'ad Haddad yesterday accused Lebanese Army officers of collaborating with the Syrians and the PLO in attempts to hit American targets in Beirut, including Monday's bombing of the U.S. Embassy there. "I was not surprised by the embassy bomb," Haddad said. "As far as I know, it was carried out by a PLO band, and a Lebanese Army unit enabled the booby-trapped car to enter Beirut and reach the embassy building." "How do you want the Lebanese Army to defend us here in southern Lebanon?" Haddad asked rhetorically. "They were handed a clean city in Beirut, and now it is polluted with terrorists, who in-

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160 shares down in price on stock exchange

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The stock market yesterday evoked unpleasant memories of the January collapse, as 160 shares went down in value and 39 of them could not be sold at any price. The General Share Index (banking shares excepted) fell by 2.97 per cent. The oil sector was hardest hit — its index dropped by 4.85 per cent. Turnovers were up and totalled about IS1.25 billion. Market observers did not offer any convincing reasons for the steep decline.

Chinese kill 16 Vietnamese

BEIJING (AP). — Chinese frontier guards have killed 16 Vietnamese soldiers in two separate clashes in China's Yunnan province, the official Xinhua news agency reported yesterday. They were the biggest border clashes of foot soldiers reported since China began shelling Vietnamese positions last Saturday in response to what it called "incalculable" Vietnamese armed provocations. Xinhua said six Vietnamese soldiers crossed a border river into Chinese territory in rain and mist on Wednesday night, and Chinese frontier guards killed five of them in a clash outside a village in Jinping county. It said the sixth Vietnamese was wounded. Two hours later, it said, a Vietnamese soldier tried to raid a post of the same frontier-guard company. The Chinese opened fire with rifles and machine guns and the invaders were forced to withdraw, leaving behind 11 dead, Xinhua reported. It did not mention any Chinese casualties. China earlier reported firing "fierce" artillery bombardments into Vietnam on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It called them a necessary counterattack after repeated Vietnamese shooting into China killed some border residents. In an artillery duel on Saturday and Sunday, China inflicted "heavy casualties" on Vietnamese troops whose shelling blew up a Chinese hospital and school, Xinhua said.

2 cars blow up in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Iraq blamed Iran for two big car-bomb explosions that killed and wounded an undisclosed number of persons in central Baghdad yesterday, and a government minister said the attacks will be avenged. Iraq's culture and information minister, Latif Nassif Al-Jassem, was quoted by the official Iraqi news agency as saying: "The criminal Iranian regime and its supporters will shoulder the full responsibility of the consequences... Revenge for those citizens (killed) will be taken." Witnesses said the blasts, which they described as big, occurred within about 90 minutes of each other. The first was in the Salhiya area, where the Baghdad broadcasting building is situated. Radio and television programmes were not affected. The second blast was in Alwazi, which includes five-star hotels, cinemas and fashionable restaurants. Iraq announced that its navy jets attacked and destroyed an Iranian vessel yesterday near the leaking Iranian offshore Nowruz oilfield in the northeastern corner of the Persian Gulf. A war communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio said the "Iranian naval target" was seen approaching the Nowruz oilfield, where oil wells damaged in earlier Iraqi attacks are spilling thousands of barrels of crude oil daily into the gulf.

Peres' hint on early elections causes stir

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — What's behind about Chairman Shimon Peres' statement yesterday in favour of early elections? This question was asked, by all the major parties almost as soon as news of Peres' comments came from Kibbutz Mikim, where he was addressing delegates at the United Kibbutz Movement's convention. (See p. 2) The chief question being asked is whether Peres' remarks signal a change of heart in the Labour camp that may lead, after all, to early general elections — possibly next autumn in conjunction with the municipal elections scheduled for October 25. The Likud has been eager for early elections, having had its hopes boosted by a very strong showing in the opinion polls. Its problem is that a parliamentary majority is needed to reschedule elections. Until now, Labour was against early elections, having lagged considerably behind in the various polls, and the Likud's own coalition partners, fearing that they would be gobbled up by the Likud in the event of elections, were also opposed. This deprived the Likud of any hope of mustering a majority for early elections. Most informed circles in Labour yesterday could not be certain that a change in Labour's stand is really upon us. Sources close to Peres, however, did not rule out such a move. They told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Peres may indeed decide that early elections are inevitable and that it will be in his party's interest not to appear to be

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The first prize for the best advertising campaign was awarded yesterday by Olat, the publication of the Advertisers Association, to Robert Arovo for the Tel-Arovo agency's campaign promoting the Nofim garden city in Samaria. The award was made at the Association's annual dinner at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv.

The President of the Manufacturers Association, Eli Hurvitz, will address the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club at the Zion Hotel, 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 537766.

Memorial at Auschwitz

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A memorial service, attended by about 15,000 persons, among them Israelis and other Jews from all over the world, was held yesterday afternoon at the site of the Auschwitz death camp, a correspondent for Gali Zahal, the Israel Defence Forces radio, reported from Auschwitz.

But, the World Jewish Congress angrily withdrew from the event after what a spokesman called "a week of provocations and manipulations."

The organizers of the service tried to prevent the Israeli delegation from approaching the monument there, carrying the Israeli flag. After an exchange of words, the Israelis laid their wreath at the base of the monument.

Yad Vashem director Yitzhak Arad told Gali Zahal yesterday that during a recent visit to Poland, he met with Archbishop Jozef Glemp, to whom he gave the Yad Vashem memorial medal. Glemp gave him a church medal, Arad said.

KGB seizes 72-year-old

MOSCOW (AP). — Naum Meiman, a member of Moscow's now disbanded Helsinki Accords human-rights monitoring group, was taken to the city prosecutor's office yesterday, his wife Ina reported.

She said the KGB gave no reason for seizing the 72-year-old retired mathematics professor, and did not make clear whether he was under arrest.

The couple's home was searched earlier in the week by seven KGB men, and a tape recorder, a typewriter, and what authorities called "slandering anti-Soviet material" were seized. Agents told Meiman's wife they were looking for evidence of his links to an Armenian human-rights group.

Meiman's request to emigrate had been refused on the grounds that he had had access to secret information while working for a research institute.

Police officer killed in Negev road accident

ASHKELON (Itim). — Rav Pakad Uzi Gordon, of the Lachish division police, was killed yesterday afternoon in a road accident on the Negev road.

Gordon, of Nir Moshe, was driving a police vehicle that collided head on with a tender near Moshav Yotvata, driven by a resident of the Gaza District. The driver of the tender was detained.

Israel raps Finland over PLO office

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel complained to Finland yesterday over its decision to permit the PLO to open an office in Helsinki.
Finnish ambassador Erikki Maentakanen was summoned to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and told to convey Israel's "disappointment and concern" to his government.

HOME NEWS

Wage-earners' real income down 15% from January

Post Economic Reporter
Real income of wage-earners for April will be 15 per cent lower than it was in January, according to calculations made from Treasury figures released yesterday.

The last cost-of-living increase was for inflation that occurred in 1982, and already, in the first three months of 1983, prices have risen by 21.6 per cent. A further increase of 8 to 10 per cent is expected for this month, bringing the four-month total up to 31.3-33.8 per cent.

In other words, some two thirds of this month's cost-of-living increase, 13.8 per cent, will be eroded by the time it is paid — in early May for most workers.

With an adjustment of tax brackets also taking place this month, net income will rise in some cases as much as 16 per cent; but even this figure will fall at least 15 per cent short of the real price-index jump for the January-April period. In addition, the trend is expected to continue, and real wage

erosion may reach 25 per cent or even more by July.

The Treasury figures mean that net increases for income levels in this month's salary will be as follows:

Gross income, March 1983	Net income, March 1983	Per cent
IS\$4,000	1,058	13.8
IS\$5,000	1,286	15.2
IS\$6,000	1,514	14.9
IS\$7,000	1,742	15.2
IS\$8,000	1,970	16.2
IS\$9,000	2,198	15.7

The figures are based on a 13.8 cost-of-living rise up to a ceiling of IS\$42,500 monthly salary, and an increase in the National Insurance dues ceiling for deductions at a rate of 4.2 per cent, from IS\$3,300 to IS\$80,800.

The Histadrut is expected to submit demands to employers for compensation in light of this wage erosion, in line with provisions in the framework agreements concerning anticipated erosion now in the second year of their application.

Marines duck for safety when Lebanese open fire

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanese soldiers fired at a speeding vehicle near the bomb-shattered U.S. Embassy yesterday, prompting about 200 U.S. Marine guards to dive for cover and crouch beside cars and stone walls in combat-ready positions.

A Marine spokesman said the shots were fired by Lebanese Army soldiers stationed on the seaside Corniche highway between the British and American embassies.

"The Lebanese Army was shooting at a speeding vehicle," the spokesman said, adding there were no injuries and no indication that the vehicle was hit.

The 10-minute scare briefly interrupted the four-day-old search for victims in the rubble after nine more bodies were recovered from the wreckage, including five Americans, three Lebanese and one Egyptian, according to Red Cross officials.

The U.S. Embassy said the latest casualty count showed 47 persons were believed killed in the apparent suicide bombing of the seven-story

Embassy building at lunchtime Monday. The Embassy said 17 Americans and 30 Lebanese were confirmed dead or missing and presumed dead.

This was two less than the 49 listed as killed or missing by U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon on Wednesday.

Explaining the discrepancy, Marine spokesman Jim Hickman said one American and two Lebanese Embassy staffers who were listed as missing had sent word they were out of the Embassy when the bomb went off.

Police said their casualty toll stood yesterday at 52 killed, including 17 Americans, one badly burned body of a Canadian who could not be identified, an Egyptian Embassy servant and 33 Lebanese.

The ABC television network said that four Central Intelligence Agency agents were killed in the blast, wiping out the CIA's network in Beirut. The Jerusalem Post correspondent in Washington reported yesterday.

Syria bans Beirut-Damascus flights

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syrian authorities have banned passengers from flying between Beirut and Damascus, officials said yesterday.

The officials, who requested anonymity, said the ban was at the request of Lebanese authorities. Lebanese officials in Beirut had no immediate comment.

An estimated 5,000 persons a month have been flying between the two capitals, Syrian airport officials said.

Syria's Arab Airways and

Lebanon's Middle East Airlines have no flights between the two cities, since travellers usually made the journey by road in the past between the neighbouring countries.

But because of the tension in Lebanon's Bekaa valley, many travellers prefer to fly.

Some European airlines, including Air France and SAS, have been hauling passengers between Beirut and Damascus in the past few months.

Kibbutz movement almost split

KIBBUTZ AFIKIM (Itim). — The United Kibbutz Movement central committee ended a two-day political conference here yesterday held together, according to members of the group's youth division, by the formative ardour of Labour Party veteran Yisrael Galili.

Were it not for Galili's ability to find compromise between the views of doves and hawks, they said, the Alignment-affiliated movement would have split.

The Kibbutz members denounced the identification brought about during the past year

of Nahal paramilitary outposts, often comprising soldiers affiliated to the movement's kibbutzim, with settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

The movement resolved also to continue educating its youth in the "purity of arms," and to inculcate upon them respect for the Arabs.

The movement, which comprises the former Ihud Vehakibbutzim and Hakibbutz HaMe'uhad federations, called on Mapam and its Hakibbutz Ha'artzi collectives to remain in the Alignment with the Labour Party.

DOCTORS

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to private doctors.
Yisrael Kessar, head of the Histadrut's Trades Union department of the Histadrut yesterday protested that Health Minister Shostak had made an agreement with the doctors to staff hospitals, but not health-fund clinics.

Addressing the Insurance Association "Forum" at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, he said that Professor Haim Doron, director-general of the Clalit health fund, had asked the health minister to issue back-to-work orders so that there would be one doctor in each clinic. "To this day we have not received a reply," said Kessar.

He continued: "Shostak agreed with the doctors that if 30 per cent of them would man the hospitals, he would not issue back-to-work orders. But there isn't one doctor manning our clinics. I am complaining that the government permits this situation to continue."

Kessar said he is not against the doctors' right to wage a labour struggle. But he said: "This is more than just a labour struggle. What do the doctors want? With the government's aid they want to change the nature of the health services."

Kessar said the doctors cannot be allowed to do this. When a person

goes to hospital, he is entitled to the best treatment and this should not be affected by his ability to pay, Kessar declared.

"I am sad that part of the struggle that they (the doctors) are waging is towards setting up a private medical service," he said.

The first three law suits against the Histadrut's health fund, demanding reimbursement of fees paid to striking doctors for treatment and for payment for drugs, were issued yesterday by the Tel Aviv small claims court. They will be heard in September.

The plaintiffs said their children became sick during the doctor's strike and they went to medical-aid points set up by the doctors.

Independence pageant at end of this month

TEL AVIV. — The Independence Day pageant, "Independence and Heroism," will be held in the National Stadium in Ramat Gan on Saturday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m., and not as reported in Monday's edition of The Jerusalem Post. The pageant which was to have been held in Independence Day, was postponed because of bad weather. Tickets are valid for the new date, the pageant's organizing committee said.



Cytron Alem of France (left) and Szymon Szurmiej, director of the Jewish Theatre in Warsaw, talk during their visit on Tuesday to the former Treblinka concentration camp. In the background is a monument to the Treblinka camp victims. (UPI telephoto)

Arens tells mourners we must be firm

SAYYON (Itim). — The firmness of Israel's stand in Lebanon will assure the success of the negotiations, Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday told over a thousand mourners at the military funeral of Segen (lieutenant) Zvi Maklis.

Maklis's commanding officer, Seren (captain) Menahem Reich, was buried yesterday in the military cemetery of Haifa's Carmel Cemetery. Both were killed in a clash with terrorists in Lebanon on Wednesday night (see story Page 1).

The two served in the elite reconnaissance unit of the Golani Brigade, to which Maklis had volunteered from his own Artillery Corps unit as a spotter. Both were 21 years old.

"We are now on the threshold of concluding the political and military negotiating process with the Lebanese government," Arens said in his eulogy. "As long as the negotiations continue, we shall not let any element in Lebanon or outside it dictate our moves to us or weaken our resolve."

"Our soldiers in Lebanon and the public at the rear must know that our steadfastness in Lebanon and our ability to hold these lines will determine the future of the negotiations," said Arens.

The name of the Israel Defence Forces truck driver killed in a separate ambush Wednesday was yet to be released.

PLO chiefs review course

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat met with the PLO leadership in Tunis yesterday to review the organization's course following the breakdown of his talks with Jordan's King Hussein earlier this month.

The meeting of the organization's 15-man executive committee was postponed several times since the talks broke down, with Arafat undertaking a tour of several East European capitals while apparently waiting for the open differences between the organization's moderates and radicals to subside.

The radicals, led by George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led the opposition inside the PLO to

granting Hussein the mandate he sought to enter the peace process under the terms of the Reagan initiative.

Both Habash and Hawatmeh served notice earlier this week that they, like their patron Syria, will continue to obstruct any move to enable Hussein to enter the peace process by opposing the holding of an emergency Arab summit in Fez early next month, Morocco's King Hassan, who has called for the convening of the summit, apparently hopes that this will find some way of breaking the current deadlock between Jordan and the PLO.

Neither Habash nor Hawatmeh was reported to have arrived in Tunis by last night to attend the meeting of the PLO's eight faction leaders, scheduled to have taken place after the executive council meeting.

There were smokes but there was no fire

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Two bumbling hijackers who tried to steal a truck load of imported cigarettes worth millions of shekels were caught before they got their hands on the smokes.

The two intercepted the container lorry, en route to Tel Aviv, on the outskirts of Haifa on Tuesday and used their car to force it to stop.

They first tried to bribe the driver by offering him IS\$500,000 to leave the lorry unguarded where they could steal the cigarettes without fear of detection.

When he refused, they threatened to kill his wife and children. He

finally agreed to meet the two at the central bus station in Tel Aviv, where they were to make arrangements for leaving the lorry.

The would-be thieves left the driver to continue his journey to Tel Aviv alone, and he immediately contacted police who laid an ambush at the bus station and arrested two men.

The suspects were brought back to Haifa on Wednesday and one of them, Mordechai Bardugo, of Haifa, was remanded into custody for 10 days by the Haifa Magistrates Court on charges related to the incident. The other suspect is expected to be brought to the court today.

SYRIA-ISRAEL

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cent Israeli statements calling for a preemptive strike against Syria are being accompanied by huge Israeli military concentrations in Southern Lebanon and along the Syrian border.

Syria has charged a few times in recent months that Israel is preparing for an offensive against its forces in Lebanon, presumably in a bid to remove Damascus's veto over any far-reaching agreement emerging in the talks with Lebanon.

Syria has reportedly been beefing up its own forces in the Bekaa, particularly since the onset of spring. Yet it would seem that Syria has no obvious cause to initiate hostilities at this particular time.

Prospects for a far-reaching Israeli agreement with Lebanon that would take that country into what Syria would regard as an intolerable special relationship with Israel have greatly receded, with

yesterday's talks in Haifa revealing — according to Lebanese sources — that even Israel's minimal security demands in South Lebanon are meeting with stiff Lebanese opposition.

It is also settled accounts with a predecessor, Haim Bar-Lev, now an

Peres favours early poll

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBBUTZ AFIKIM. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday he favours advancing the date of the elections. "We must aim at changing national policy. I read the public-opinion polls and despite what they show, I'm for early elections," Peres said.

He was speaking to members of the United Kibbutz Movement meeting in Afikim.

Peres said that the annexationist acts of the government in Judea and Samaria — unavoidably mean war. "Only a miracle can save us from such a war," he said. Those in power are trying to convince us that a 100-year war is unavoidable, he said. "The basis of such an idea is that territory increases security, but

the missiles already in our area, do not pay attention to the distance between two hills."

The conversion of the Bracha military outpost near Nablus into a civilian settlement last week, Peres asserted, means leading the country down a one-way street that has one of two possible outlets: converting Israel into a racist state like South Africa, or into a state of minorities like Lebanon.

The explosion in the American Embassy building in Beirut earlier this week has ruled out the possibility of a multinational force being an element in our relations with Lebanon, Peres said. The U.S. Senate will not consider such an idea, he maintained. "It's time that Begin got wise and realized that all that Jemayel can offer us is endless difficulties."

PERES' HINT

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pronouncements on the subject, sources close to him told The Post.

Other groups in the party, especially Peres opponents, voiced the opinion that Peres' interest in early elections is largely motivated by calculations concerning his own position in the party. These sources argue that Peres feels increasingly beleaguered in Labour. He is lagging behind in all popularity polls, and is now not only preceded by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, but also by President Yitzhak Navon, who may yet become a contender for the Labour leadership.

One way for Peres to secure his Number 1 position in the party would be to have early elections before Navon is ready to take over the Labour leadership. Such elections, according to pro-Rabin and pro-Navon circles in Labour, will be beneficial to Peres personally, regardless of how the Alignment list does in the elections. The Likud would be starting off with a very substantial lead, they admit.

The Likud feels pressed by its many coalition partners, and many in the party dread the reconvening of the Knesset after the spring recess, since the various partners are expected to renew their demands and counterdemands on the coalition.

One problem already in the offing, for example, is the appointment of Knesset Member Sarah Doron as the Liberals' sixth minister. Agudat Yisrael has served notice that it may not vote for Doron because of her opposition to various bills on religious matters. Other parties may use the occasion to raise their own demands, and there could be serious repercussions.

In the National Religious Party, the news from Afikim was greeted with considerable anxiety. The NRP is still in as vulnerable a position as it was after the 1981 elections, when its power was halved. Now polls indicate that it might come out of new elections with only three, of its present six, Knesset seats. The party is disunited and is trying to decide whether to go ahead with potentially disharmonious internal elections on June 1. Moves are afoot to cancel that vote.

Another threat to the NRP comes from MK Haim Druckman, who is soon due to leave the NRP Knesset faction formally. His new party, Matzad, might deprive the NRP of even more of its Orthodox votes.

The worry in the NRP yesterday was whether the Alignment might be cooking up a deal with the Likud to advance elections, despite Likud promises that it will not make such a move without the approval of the junior coalition partners.

ETTAN'S REASONS

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are not carried out with stubborn insistence on our demands, the result will be war, Eitan asserted.

Concerning superpower rivalry, Eitan said that "Russia is a responsible power. It is a state that will not get involved in tension if it is not sure of the results. At this point, Eitan changed the subject and after a few derogatory comments about journalists, started settling accounts with several politicians.

About Labour Knesset Member Yosef Sarid he said: "If Sarid were given a good drubbing by the news media for leaks from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, he would stop leaking information. Why don't journalists tell Sarid he is a criminal? Sarid is a bad example of an elected representative of the people."

To the amusement of the audience, Eitan told how he had met a respected journalist from Jerusalem outside the WC in Beit Hanassi (the Presidential Residence). "What are you doing here? I asked him," Eitan said. "He replied 'I'm at a leaking outpost.'"

Eitan told the students he does not want to talk about the Kahan Commission (that investigated the Sabra and Shatila massacres and said that, since Eitan was at the end of his stint as chief of staff, they would not recommend he be removed from his post earlier). "I'm collecting all the material and I'll say what I find necessary in future," he said.

Eitan also settled accounts with a predecessor, Haim Bar-Lev, now an

Alignment MK, though without mentioning him by name. "A certain chief of staff in the reserves wrote to an Arab lawyer telling him that Elon Moreh belongs to the Arabs," he said.

Eitan also said that the same former chief of staff once gave an order to capture a hill near Hebron, then to set up a tent on the hill and tell the Arabs 'the area was being used for army exercises. Later, Eitan said, he ordered that the tent be taken down and a wooden barracks be put up in its place. Later, the order was to change the barracks into a settlement. "That same man will hear what I'm saying straight to his face," Eitan said.

Navon turned to Jemayel on massacres

President Yitzhak Navon revealed last night that he asked Lebanese President Amin Jemayel a few times to have the guilty in the Sabra and Shatila massacres brought to justice. The president mentioned this in a special interview given to Israel Television's Arabic programme.
Navon said he suggested to Jemayel that the murderers were possibly persons in his entourage and that their identity was no secret. If Jemayel wishes his regime to last, these persons must be tried, Navon said he told the Lebanese leader. (Itim)

Our sincere thanks to all who offered sympathy on the death of our dear

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To our dear Hadassa and Abie
Deepest sympathy on the death of

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who fell in the line of duty

Rotary Club
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With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of

Rabbi ZE'EV MANN

The family will be sitting shiva until Thursday morning at 7 Bezalel Street, Jerusalem, Apt. 14, 4th floor.

Mourners:
Wife: Libby (Ahuvah)
Daughters: Esther Lopata and Zipporah Marans

Police arrest 17 in narcotics crackdown

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Weeks of round-the-clock police operations culminated on Wednesday morning with the arrest of 17 drug dealers and customers, the capture of 30 grams of heroin, and the closure of four drug-dispensing stations in the Tel Aviv area.

The raids, led by Rav Pakad Immanuel Hecht, Rav Pakad Nobel Javriel, Pakad Zion Nagad, and Pakad Aharon Navon, began in Or Yehuda, when a surveillance team saw two well-known criminals approach an apartment. One, the apartment owner, was a known drug dealer, and the other was known to be in stolen property.

The two were stopped for questioning and the police found two syringes, an ampule and a heroin teaspoon on one suspect. In the yard of the apartment police found 12.55 grams of heroin in a plastic bag. They arrested the 30-year-old drug dealer, whom they suspect of receiving and selling drugs from his apartment, and his wife, 25, and brother-in-law, 28, who are suspected of helping him.

From Or Yehuda the police team drove to a drug-dispensing station in the Sderot Yerushalayim where they saw several persons believed to be customers arriving and leaving. A 32-year-old Jaffa resident suspected of running the station was seen entering building Number 5 in the Ezer Yehonatan Ben-Zadok Street a few times.

Teachers toughen sanctions

TEL AVIV. — Teachers' sanctions are to continue, after a meeting yesterday between Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer and leaders of the two teachers' unions made little progress. Teachers have stopped substituting for sick colleagues, and, as of Sunday, classes will begin at 9 a.m. instead of 8.

At yesterday's meeting, Hammer told the union leaders that he will meet with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor on Sunday and arrange a further meeting with the teachers' representatives for Monday.

Two men killed by crane

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Two railway employees were killed here yesterday by a crane. Haim Luzon, 31, was talking with Beduin coal worker, Musa Maruk Abu-Siam, 26, when the crane, driven in reverse, hit and killed them.

The crane operator has been held for questioning. Police sources said that a preliminary investigation indicated that the accident may have happened because the crane operator's cabin is on the right side of the machine. Consequently, because the load it carried blocked his vision to the left, the driver did not notice the two men, who were crushed by the back wheel of the crane.

New local paper to be basis for multi-media corporation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first issue of *Rehov Rashi* (Main Street), a weekly local paper for the Rishon LeZion area was printed yesterday by the Jerusalem Post Press. It is to be the first of 20 new local papers published by Eitan Communications, Ltd., a multi-media corporation which also plans to develop cable television and regional radio.

Eitan was set up by three former broadcasting authorities officials: Imuel Abbadi, the managing director, was deputy director-general of the authority; chief editor Eli Nissan was the producer of Israel Television's *Mabat Sheini*; and the deputy managing director, vi. Angel, was ITV's economic reporter.

Eitan intends to cover the country — including Tel Aviv and Haifa — with a score of local papers. Final editing and preparing the papers for printing is to be done in Tel Aviv, although a local editorial board is to be responsible for collecting each paper's material. The central editorial board will also make syndicated material available to the locals.

Eitan hopes that the 20 papers — all to be published by the end of the year — will form the infrastructure for cable television and regional radio stations. Investors in Eitan include Dotan, Delta Galil and another large financial institution, which is to announce its involvement soon.



President Yitzhak Navon visits the neo-natal ward during his tour of Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach hospital yesterday.

Poll finds Likud more 'worthy' than Labour

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud is regarded by the public as having a more responsible leadership than the Alignment, and as more worthy of being in power, after a survey of public opinion.

The poll was conducted for *The Post* by the Modi'in Ezerah social research centre under Dr. Sara Shemer. It was carried out between March 15 and 23, among a representative sample of 1,216 Israeli Jews.

To gauge the public images of the two large parties, respondents were asked to rate them for each of several traits on a scale of one to seven. Higher scores meant more positive perceptions of the party.

The Likud won an average rating of 5.0 for responsible leadership, with the Alignment trailing at 3.5. On the parties' worthiness to be in power, the Likud was rated at 4.9, the Alignment at 3.4.

The Likud rated 4.9 on suitability to tackle the nation's problems, the Alignment 3.7. Respondents saw the two parties as closer on their respect for the rules of democracy. The Likud was rated at 5.1, the Alignment 4.6.

A related question — which party's representatives are less given to the use of verbal violence — also produced close results. Here, too, the Likud came out slightly ahead, 4.0 to the Alignment's 3.6.

On its degree of internal unity, the Likud scored 4.8, the Alignment only 2.8.

The respondents were also asked to rate each party on how much they believe it represents people

positive perceptions of the party.

The Likud won an average rating of 4.37, with the Alignment scoring only 3.28.

Shemer notes that the differences between Labour and the Alignment are considerable, and significant concerning their worthiness to hold power.

Among the 334 respondents who identified themselves as floating voters — not leaning towards either party — the gaps were somewhat narrower. But here, too, the Likud scored higher than the Alignment on every question except the one pertaining to verbal violence. Here, the Alignment scored 3.9 against 3.7 for the Likud.

Among the floating voters only, the Likud was rated higher on responsible leadership (4.6 to 3.8), suitability to tackle the nation's problems (4.7 to 3.9), as respect for democracy (4.9 to 4.7), unity (4.3 to 2.7) and as representing the "people like me" (3.73 to 3.45).

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Misgav Ladach hospital needs \$5m. more to open

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The completion of Misgav Ladach Hospital's new premises is being delayed by money problems, even though its planned medical services are unavailable elsewhere in Jerusalem.

President Yitzhak Navon, whose father was on the hospital committee many years ago, yesterday toured the building's skeleton in Rehov Herzl Yehuda Hamelech and the cramped facilities "temporarily" in use — for the last 35 years — a few blocks away in the capital's Katamon quarter.

Hospital director Reuven Kashani told Navon that the hospital, founded in 1854, runs on private donations and receives no government funds. The new four-story building will cost about \$7 million, of which only about \$2m. have been raised. Hospital officials said that it could open before the end of this year if all the pledges and promises of help came in.

A Health Ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that Misgav Ladach's new facility was approved years ago by then-minister Victor Shemtov, partly for historical and sentimental reasons and partly because it offered services unavailable elsewhere. Its 60 planned beds have been approved by the ministry's planning authority. The government, said the spokesman, does not subsidize hospital construction, but sometimes funds special units.

Misgav Ladach officials told Navon that the present facility offers services unique to Jerusalem, including an open phone line for queries about fertility and gynecological problems, and a walk-in centre for early detection of cervical cancer, and a breast-cancer detection unit.

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More danger of air pollution since weathermen strike

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGAN. — One of the results of the weathermen's strike is an ecological threat to residents of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Ashdod.

Normally the weathermen provide the power stations and the Israel Electric Corporation with information about changes in cloud and wind movement. To overcome the danger that the wind will blow polluting smoke and fumes into the cities, the power stations switch over to low-sulphur-content fuel when necessary.

A spot check made by *The Jerusalem Post* at two main stations during the week of the strike

showed that the power stations were not informed when there was a danger of air pollution.

The strike has also affected civil aviation. The weathermen are only giving hourly weather forecasts, and not four-, six-, and 12-hour forecasts, which pilots need.

A member of the weathermen's works committee told *The Post* yesterday that the Transport Ministry refuses to meet with them. The ministry is prepared to open talks only if the weathermen return to work and request a meeting.

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Second TV channel by 1985—Lapid

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will have a second television channel, a commercial one, in about two years, Broadcasting Authority Director-General Yosef Lapid said yesterday.

Addressing the 1983 advertising congress, Lapid told some 400 advertisers, advertising agents, and communications media representatives that two years are needed to install technical facilities for a second channel.

Commenting on the cost of establishing a cable network, Lapid said estimates run between \$150 million and \$180m. Hence, cable television can only be established on the basis of commercials, not through subscriptions.

Lapid predicted that video will replace newspapers as the major advertising medium. Israeli newspapers earn 58 per cent of the total advertising revenue.

Lebanese Druse coming for Nebi Shueib fete

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Interior Ministry has decided to permit a few hundred Lebanese Druse dignitaries to come to Israel to participate in the Nebi Shueib celebrations next week.

The Israeli Druse spiritual leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif, and the Druse Knesset Member, Amal Nasr El-Din (Likud), asked the ministry to issue permits.

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Salvador rebel chief kills himself

MANAGUA, Nicaragua. — A top leader of El Salvador's leftist guerrillas committed suicide in Managua after he learned his comrades had betrayed him and murdered his deputy, the Nicaraguan government said on Wednesday.

Nicaragua's Interior Ministry said in a communique that Cayetano Carpio took his own life on April 12 in Managua after he arrived to attend the funeral of Melinda Anaya Montes, his second in command, known as Commander Ana Maria, who was murdered here on April 6.

The leftist government here announced the arrest of six Salvadorans, members of Carpio's guerrilla group, in connection with Montes' murder and charged that the suspects were acting on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency.

U.S. officials in Managua said the charge was "absurd."

Carpio, 63, was head of the Popular Liberation Forces (PLF), the oldest and most radical of the five guerrilla groups fighting to

overthrow the U.S.-backed government of El Salvador.

The Interior Ministry said the mastermind behind the killing of Montes was Rogelio Bazzaglia Recinos, 38, a member of the central command of the PLF and a person close to Carpio.

Five other suspects were also arrested. The ministry said they stabbed Montes 80 times, shot her, and slashed her throat.

It said the suspects infiltrated the guerrilla group and apparently were CIA agents.

In Washington, U.S. backing for the war against guerrillas in El Salvador is increasingly being subjected to congressional suspicion.

President Ronald Reagan is planning a personal appeal to Congress next Wednesday. He is expected to talk of his fears of instability in Central America and the need to continue to provide a shield behind which the Salvadoran government can continue social reforms.

In another development in the area, nine central and Latin

American foreign ministers have resumed efforts to ease border tension between Honduras and Nicaragua and bring peace to El Salvador and Guatemala.

But even as the peace talks began in Panama City on Wednesday, Honduras accused Nicaraguan soldiers of firing at its troops in a new border incident, and El Salvador reshuffled its high military command to improve efficiency in the three-year war against insurgents.

The latest meeting dealt with proposals made last week by the foreign ministers of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama during a five-nation tour of Central America. Ministers from the five countries — Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Costa Rica — joined them yesterday.

Brazil said on Wednesday night that arms and explosives found on four Nicaragua-bound Libyan cargo planes will be held in the country for the time being. (AP, Reuter)

Poland closes pro-Solidarity artists' union

WARSAW (Reuter). — Polish authorities yesterday disbanded the 12,000-member National Artists' Union, one of the few cultural institutions still functioning with the same leadership since the heyday of Solidarity more than two years ago.

The move followed a refusal by union leaders to retract eight public statements it issued over the past year, which authorities said were "politically insulting."

Among the statements were one calling for the release of thousands of Solidarity activists and one expressing support for the outlawed union.

Authorities previously closed the journalists' and students' unions, and have refused to permit the

reorganization of the filmmakers' union. Talks are being held on the future of the writers' union.

In a related development, authorities have resurrected last year's propaganda phrases to fashion sombre warnings against worker rallies called by the Solidarity underground for May Day.

News bulletins and editorials have been given over to appeals to reason, condemnation of "anti-socialist elements bent on sowing discord" and accusations against "Western subversion centres that want to stop us from overcoming the crisis."

The scale of the response of the

government's communications media to a brief appeal by the TTK, the underground's provisional coordinating commission, has been contrasted with the frequently repeated dismissal of the underground as a tiny and spent force.

The TTK appealed last week for workers to be allowed to celebrate their traditional holiday in the way they wish, a call echoed by Lech Walesa, chairman of the banned union, at a press conference on Wednesday.

The underground body said regional leaders of the banned union should boycott traditional Communist marches and repeat the independent rallies of May 1 last year.

\$500,000 diamond heisted from Sotheby-NY

NEW YORK (AP). — A rare pink diamond, worth between \$500,000 and \$600,000, was stolen from the Sotheby Parke Bernet auction gallery here this week, and replaced with a \$4,000-\$10,000 stone covered with pink nail polish.

The emerald-cut, unset pink gem, described in the Sotheby catalogue as "potentially flawless," was consigned to the gallery by five Ocean

Gems, Inc., a consortium of Japanese businessmen.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is studying film taken by a closed-circuit television camera shooting at 10 second intervals to try to determine how the robbery was done. "We're also questioning everybody who has been connected with the diamond over the past few days," said FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette.

3m. Italians strike for new contracts

MILAN (AP). — Nearly three million industrial workers struck from four to eight hours across Italy yesterday to protest against increasing layoffs and to press for new contracts.

During the strike, which hampered or stopped production in the major steel, automotive and textile factories, hundreds of thousands of workers marched in Milan and Turin shouting slogans against the National Association of Private Manufacturers, Confindustria.

Confindustria has been blocking negotiations for renewal of expired contracts, demanding in advance a global agreement about the cost of manpower and productivity, as well as controls on absenteeism.

Premier Amintore Fanfani's nearly five-month-old coalition government appeared headed toward collapse yesterday and a top Christian Democrat said only "a miracle" can save it.

Fanfani reported on the situation to President Sandro Pertini while other political leaders held a series of consultations.

Flaminio Piccoli, president of Fanfani's Christian Democratic Party, said he believed a political crisis dooming the coalition was already under way. "At least unless a miracle occurs between today and tomorrow."

AMMUNITION. — The Belgian Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that a Belgian plane loaded with ammunition was being held in Entebbe, Uganda because its shipping bill said it was carrying blank ammunition. The ministry said the ammunition had been bought by the Belgian Defence Ministry for the Rwanda Defence Ministry under a military-cooperation agreement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reagan 'planning screen comeback to boost CIA'

PEKING (Reuter). — A Chinese movie magazine says Ronald Reagan wants to return to Hollywood after leaving the White House and is planning to portray a president in a film about the Central Intelligence Agency.

The magazine *Cinema World* says: "Evidence has been disclosed that President Reagan has already proposed, even negotiated with Hollywood moguls, to play an important role in an upcoming movie — if he is not re-elected in 1984."

"The aim of this movie is to help improve the CIA's image, which has deteriorated in people's minds, and to help the Agency regain prestige and public trust," the magazine said.

Dissident Korean priest freed after probe

SEOUL (Reuter). — South Korean authorities yesterday freed a dissident Christian minister after questioning him for more than 24 hours about his alleged demands for the withdrawal of U.S. troops based in South Korea.

The reverend Moon Ik-Hwan told Reuter he did not call for U.S. troop withdrawals when he addressed about 800 people at a prayer meeting in a Seoul Christian centre on Monday. His speech was misreported, he said.

"All I said was to the effect that we should not demand the pullout of American forces until democracy has firmly taken root in the country, paving the way for an ultimate reunification with North Korea," he said. Moon is a close associate of leading dissident Kim Dae-Jung, who is in the U.S.

Australia 'disappointed' by French nuclear test

CANBERRA (AP). — The Australian Government said yesterday that France exploded another nuclear test device on Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific, despite Canberra's protests.

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said the French tested a "fairly large" nuclear device underground at the atoll on Wednesday.

He said he was deeply disappointed that the French Government had gone ahead with the tests, ignoring Australia's strong opposition.

UK may block Argentine visit to graves

LONDON (Reuter). — British Warships will probably intercept a boatload of Argentinians if they proceed with a banned visit to graves of their war dead on the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands, military sources said yesterday.

The leader of a group of Argentinian relatives said in Buenos Aires Wednesday night they will defy the British government's ban and go ahead with the visit, leaving as planned on April 30.

Britain earlier announced it will not permit their trip to the disputed colony off the Argentine coast after the International Red Cross withdrew from organizing the visit.

African leaders urge support for Chad gov't

LAGOS (Reuter). — Nigerian President Alhaji Shehu Shagari and President Paul Biya of Cameroon yesterday issued an official communique urging African States and the international community to give full support to the legitimate government of Chad.

The statement, issued at the end of talks in Lagos, did not name the legitimate government, but Nigeria recognizes the regime of President Hissen Habre, who toppled Goukouni Oueddi last June.

Habre himself was due in Lagos yesterday to join other heads of state attending a meeting of the Tour-nation Chad Basin Commission.

Cattle-disease plague reported in Africa

ROME (AP). — A resurgence of a deadly cattle disease has killed thousands of cattle and buffaloes in 11 African countries, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization said yesterday.

The agency called for emergency funds to combat the cattle plague, known as rinderpest, with most of the money to go toward vaccine production and veterinary services.

Bonn gets details of disputed death

BONN (Reuter). — The German Democratic Republic yesterday provided more details of the controversial death of a West German at one of its border posts, but it was not clear whether they would be enough to end a bitter dispute between the two countries.

Peter Kalischek, deputy leader of a Federal German delegation that discussed the affair with East German officials in East Berlin, called the oral East German explanation "comprehensive and interesting."

He said details were immediately passed on to Bonn, but he could not say whether they will be regarded as plausible.

The German Federal Republic has demanded a full account of the death of 46-year-old Rudolf Burkert, who died of a heart attack while "being detained" by the East Germans as he tried to enter West Berlin on April 10.

Bonn has refused to accept an East German explanation that head and throat injuries to the body were caused when Burkert fell off a chair.

The incident dominated yesterday's regular meeting of the East-West German Transit Commission, which usually deals with routine travel and access problems.

Shelled yacht survivors recovering

HONGKONG (AP). — Four survivors of a West German yacht shelled in the South China Sea have recovered sufficiently from wounds and exhaustion to stroll on the deck of the freighter that rescued them, the ship's captain reported yesterday.

Contacted by radiotelephone from Hongkong, Tadashi Inose, skipper of the 15,500-ton freighter

Linden, continued to decline requests for the four to be interviewed, explaining: "I don't want to bother them too much."

The four, due to arrive in Hongkong this morning aboard the Linden, are Peter Mark, 37, Captain of the double-hulled yacht Siddhartha; his Singaporean wife, Jenny Toh Swee Neo, 34; Balour Brobnica, 48; and Norbert Willaud, 35, both of Cologne.

Inose, of Saitama, Japan, said the four told him they were approaching Amboya Cay in the disputed Spratley Islands on April 10 when they were shelled by unknown attackers.

The Siddhartha was destroyed and one crewman, Diethelm Muller, was killed said Inose. Another crewman, Gero Band, was seriously wounded and died on April 18, a day before the Linden rescued the others from a dinghy midway between Vietnam and Borneo.

Sports

Knicks and Blazers on high road

NEW YORK (AP). — The Portland Trail-Blazers and New York Knicks, who did not clinch playoff berths until the final days of the regular season, played as if they had no intention of making their post-season stay a short one.

Both teams registered victories on the road on Wednesday night in the openers of their National Basketball Association playoff series. Portland whipped Seattle 108-97, while New York blasted New Jersey 118-107.

Bernard King hit 16 of 21 shots and scored 40 points, the most in the NBA playoffs in two years, to lead the Knicks over the Nets. He

hit 11 of 12 shots and scored 25 points in the first half, which saw the Knicks take a 38-50 lead. New York never trailed en route to winning its first post-season game since 1978.

In Seattle, Mychal Thompson and Jim Paxson scored 25 points apiece for the Trail-Blazers, who will meet defending NBA champion Los Angeles if they can beat the SuperSonics in another game.

"We've been playing well lately and we did it again tonight," underdog Blazers coach Jack Ramsay said. "We got people open for high percentage shots and made them."

Old pitchers neither die nor fade

NEW YORK (AP). — Tom Seaver proved he still had it. Steve Carlton continued to show he has it... even when he supposedly doesn't.

Mowing down batters right and left, two of baseball's most enduring pitchers each fashioned shutouts Wednesday night — Seaver blanking the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-0 and Carlton stopping the Chicago Cubs 2-0 for Philadelphia.

"If I could pitch like that every time out, I wouldn't ask for anything more," said Seaver, after pitching a three-hitter in the opener of a two-night doubleheader. The Mets also won the second game, 7-5.

Seaver, who returned to the Mets

this season after five and a half years in Cincinnati, recorded his first victory since Aug. 2, 1982, and it was his first victory as a Met since June 12, 1977; the year he was traded to Cincinnati. "Now, I just have to keep it going," said Seaver after recording his 55th career shutout, tops among active National League pitchers.

Wednesday's games
National League
St. Louis at Montreal, 7:15 p.m.; New York at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.; Houston at Atlanta, 8 p.m.; San Francisco at Los Angeles, 8:05 p.m.; American League
Boston at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.; Cleveland at Texas, 4 p.m.; Baltimore at Kansas City, 4 p.m.; Detroit at New York, 6 p.m.; Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.; Oakland at California, 7:30 p.m.

McEnroe surprised by Walke

LAS VEGAS (AP). — Little known Trey Walke, a last minute qualifier, stunned, second-seeded John McEnroe 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Wednesday in a first-round singles match at the \$312,500 Alan King-Ceasars Palace tennis classic. Walke only qualified for the tournament earlier in the day when Harold Solomon withdrew due to bronchitis.

"Whenever I get a chance to play against one of the top guys, I really get up for it," said Walke, who won

for the second time in his career over McEnroe. "My problem in the past has been getting up for the matches against the lower ranked players," Walke's earlier victory over McEnroe came in the U.S. National Indoor Championships at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1981.

Walke interrupted play in the \$140,000 Bob Express Grand Prix Tournament in Bournemouth, after Chris Lewis lost against Graham 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, and a young Billie Jean King 6-4, 7-6, 6-3. Walke's victory will allow him to play the second round match.

Shocks in junior tourney

By ORI LEWIS
Post Sports Reporter

There were a few shocks in the opening rounds of the International Tennis Federation's junior tournament at the Israel Tennis Centre in Jerusalem, in which 16 top juniors from abroad are participating.

Owing to the withdrawal of Amos Mansdorf, the Asian junior champion, to catch up with his studies, Martin Krulis of Switzerland was seeded first. Hong Skoff of Austria upset Krulis in more ways than one in an extremely tense match, marred by many unpleasant incidents, for which both players were to blame. Skoff eventually broke

Krulis psychologically to run out a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 winner, the players nearly coming to blows at the end.

Equally surprising was the 6-1, 6-0 victory of Roy Weinberg of Haifa over Oded Yaskov, runner-up to Mansdorf in the Asian tournament. By varying "Moonballs" with passing shots down the wings, Weinberg rattled Yaskov, who made many unforced errors.

In the girls' tournament, Israel's Yael Vitale surprised second-seeded Charlotte Rahn of Germany 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.

Play continues today at 2 p.m., when the quarter-finals will be played.

N.Y. Islanders 7, N.Y. Rangers 2; Chicago 5, Minnesota 2; Boston 3, Buffalo 4.

Glenn seeks Democratic presidential nomination

NEW CONCORD. — Senator John Glenn yesterday formally declared himself a candidate for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, saying that the issue is leadership and Ronald Reagan has failed to provide it.

In a speech delivered near his boyhood home in Ohio, Glenn, 61, recalled his achievements as the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth, combat pilot, politician and associate of the late president John Kennedy.

He blamed the Reagan Administration for soaring unemployment, economic recession and "a

flip-flop foreign policy that alienates our allies."

Glenn joins an already crowded field of Democrats. The announced candidates are Senators Alan Cranston of California, Gary Hart of Colorado and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, former vice-president Walter Mondale and former Florida governor Reubin Askew.

The Democratic Party decided yesterday to hold its 1984 National Convention in San Francisco, heading for Ronald Reagan's home state of California to pick the candidate it hopes will replace him in the White House.

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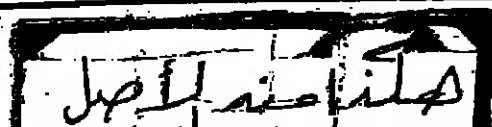
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The year after Yamit

By GIDEON RAFAEL

TWELVE MONTHS AGO, the country went through one of its periodic febrile fits which, in recent years, have seized it with increasing frequency. Settlers vowed to resist their evacuation from the Yamit enclave until the bitter end; zealots entrenched themselves in the synagogue; followers of Rabbi Meir Kahane's pagan cult threatened to perish in their bunker; fanatics mobilized from outside manned the ramparts; and a motley bunch of wild-eyed and tough-fisted desperadoes attacked the troops sent to execute the government's will.

Rabbis blessed the rebels; cabinet ministers encouraged them surreptitiously; prominent Knesset members incited them publicly; the chief-of-staff negotiated with them; and the government apologized meekly for inconveniencing them.

The outburst of lawlessness accompanying the evacuation of Yamit initiated a sequence of far-reaching consequences for the lifestyle of Israel and its relations with its Arab neighbours.

The last act of the withdrawal from Sinai, instead of stimulating the promising beginnings of the peace process, stifled its progress.

Yamit will be remembered not as the last chapter in the implementation of the peace treaty, but as the most violent attempt to subvert the law of Israel.

EMBARRASSED and perturbed, the government chose to divert the attention of the nation from the outburst in the south to the danger of a renewed eruption of terrorist activity in the north.

In the weeks following the evacuation of Yamit, former defence minister Ariel Sharon pressed with growing insistence the enactment of a grand strategy of large-scale military and political action in Lebanon designed by him, fashioned by the chief-of-staff and approved by the prime minister.

It was meant to eliminate not only the constant threat of terrorist attacks against the population of Northern Galilee — though inoperative by then for nine months due to the observance of the ceasefire by the PLO — but its principal objective was the destruction of the organization heading the fight against the government's policies and ultimate goals in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

The government realized that the adoption of strong measures alone in the administered territories would not suffice to reduce the Palestinian opposition to its schemes. It was convinced that the power of resistance rested primarily on the strength of the PLO. The war in Lebanon was designed to break

The chief-of-staff himself revealed that the military intervention in Lebanon, named "Operation Peace for Galilee," was in reality the "War of Palestine."

No wonder, then, that the Palestinians living in the camps in Lebanon, located astride the route of the advance of the Israeli forces, carried the brunt of the battle.

When its dust began to settle, Sharon's grand strategy lay in ruins. The military walk-over, which was to effect Bashir Jemayel's political take-over, had turned into a long and costly war, claiming the lives of nearly 500 Israeli soldiers and 2,600 wounded, as well as several thousand Arab military and civilian casualties.

Among them was Bashir Jemayel, the man chosen to impose Lebanon's "New Order," murdered by his adversaries.

The PLO, although crushed in Southern Lebanon and driven out of Beirut, managed to gain more international recognition and political support — disproportionate to its real strength — than it had disposed of before the war.

It was Yasser Arafat's double dealing rather than King Hussein's irresolution and Begin's rejection which derailed Reagan's peace initiative.

Regardless of the role the PLO strives to play in the determination of the future of the Palestinian people, one thing is evident: the war in Lebanon, instead of removing the Palestinian problem from the international agenda, has elevated it to a place of high priority.

Not only did the war fail to establish Sharon's "New Order" in Lebanon, it strengthened the menacing Soviet presence in Syria.

Reliance on the determination of the United States to deter direct Soviet military involvement in an Arab-Israeli war has always been a mainstay of Israel's foreign and defence policy. The reliability and credibility of the American commitment depends to a large degree on the firmness and closeness of the relations between the United States and Israel.

The more misunderstandings and

One hundred years of war are the enticing prospects offered to the people to condition it for a bleak life in a peaceless environment populated by implacable enemies. Force, violence and brutality grow in the scorched earth of inhumanity.

Such a trinity does not fortify the nation, as its advocates and practitioners pretend, it saps its strength. Wise men in Israel did always remember the warning which went forth from Zion, that those who live by the sword will perish by it.

BUT NOT ONLY the sword is a tool of violence. The tongue can be no less damaging. The air of Israel resounds with stridency. Invektives are replacing arguments. A lively exchange of views would miss its point were it not spiced with references to the mental state of the disputant and a colourful variety of zoological allusions. When the arguing mutes become silent and the guns begin to speak, the adversary is not shot or killed, but liquidated, a term used by the arch enemies of the Jewish people.

And when the first soldier of the country proposes his measures how to cope with juvenile Arab stone-throwers, he assures his startled audience that the reaction of the Palestinians would not differ from

that of doped vermin. Those who have forgotten who used that term and against whom, are advised to consult the literature of a certain German period!

It will be of small comfort for our Arab neighbours to know that similar verbal aberrations have infested our internal discussion, too. Responsible for such excesses are those politicians who incite the masses assembled in the public squares with their defamatory rhetoric.

Unrestrained use of language leads to indiscriminate use of force. The verbal blast is the forerunner of the deadly bomb.

The shock released by the hand-grenade, which killed Emil Grunzweig, is still fresh, but the police file of this despicable deed seems to accumulate dust. More than two months have passed and the investigation is still probing into a variety of directions, all of them open-ended.

Where is the ingenuity and zeal the police displayed recently in Tel Aviv, where it discovered in no time the alleged murderer of a stock broker? Is the Grunzweig file going to suffer the same fate as that of the three West Bank mayors?

NO SOCIETY can preserve its freedom when its law is violated with impunity and its enforcement impaired by partiality. Stone-throwing is a serious delict, whether committed in Dahariya or Mea She'arim.

The process which began in Yamit, where vigilantes took the law into their own hands, has dangerously gained ground. Meir Kahane, who profanes the rabbinical profession, is the trendsetter. His gangs incite, demolish, harass, assault and shoot. They are neither outlawed, nor is their leader taken into custody. His ways of lawlessness have infected other worshippers of violence.

Without diminishing the concern for the gravity of our position abroad, the situation as it evolved at home gives rise to particular anxiety.

Since the beginning of the Begin era, the shadow of the heavy hand of Revisionism has increasingly obscured the bright face of Zionism. In the course of the last year, the eclipse has gained unprecedented momentum.

The overriding aspiration of the government is the establishment of Israel's rule over all the land between the river and the sea. Not the redemption of the people, but the conquest of the land is its primary concern.

It covets the soil of the country, but sears the soul of the people. It is indifferent to the anxieties of the Arab population in our midst, tolerates its abuse and ignores its wrath. It holds that force rather than compromise is the most cogent argument in the settlement of disputes between nations.

No society can preserve its freedom when its law is violated with impunity and its enforcement impaired by partiality.



Above: the only building intact in what was Yamit is the synagogue. Below: Capt. Susan Wagner of Pittsburgh, Pa. is in charge of a company in the MFO and commands 80 men and 12 women soldiers, including Americans Specialist James Haslam (left) and Private First Class Brad Jones.

Desert duty

Story and Photos By RICHARD OESTERMAN

THIS MONDAY, April 25, marks the first anniversary of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai, and its commander, Norwegian General Fredrik Bull-Hansen, says, "I believe we have solved the task given to us, that neither Israelis nor Egyptians feel their security threatened in the area where we have responsibility."

Gen. Bull-Hansen, a tall and lanky artillery officer who formerly was commander-in-chief of a 1,500 km. district in northern Norway and in 1956-57 served as a captain in the UNEF in Sinai, describes MFO's first year of operations as "a year full of interesting challenges."

His force of 2,600 soldiers, comprising contingents from 10 countries, and an additional 400 civilians from abroad and another 400 locally employed civilians, reports on violations of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty to both governments, as well as to the office of director general of the MFO, located in Rome.

"Violations occur, but I cannot go into details, as such information may be used politically by one or the other party in a way which may not further peace in the area," he says.

It was the year when soldiers fought with unflinching resolution and risked their lives to save comrades in distress; when exhausted fighting men shared their field rations with captured terrorists; when a brilliant young brigade commander displayed civil courage and military responsibility by refusing to lead his men in a useless and wasteful assault on West Beirut.

It was the year when a policeman invested his lottery prize in the rehabilitation of an ex-convict, when Naomi Shemer, Haim Hefer and Moshe Wilensky received the Israel prize, and when multitudes of hard-working citizens conscientiously fulfilled their responsibilities towards their families and the state paying their spiralling taxes and putting up stoically with a prolonged deprivation of medical services.

It was a year of disquieting official indifference and much private grief. It was a year of war; a year when perilous ill-winds were sown.

To spare the country reaping the turbulence of the whirlwind, the people must be awakened to the realities and the forces of reason, responsibility and rectitude must close ranks.

General Fredrik Bull-Hansen, commander of the MFO

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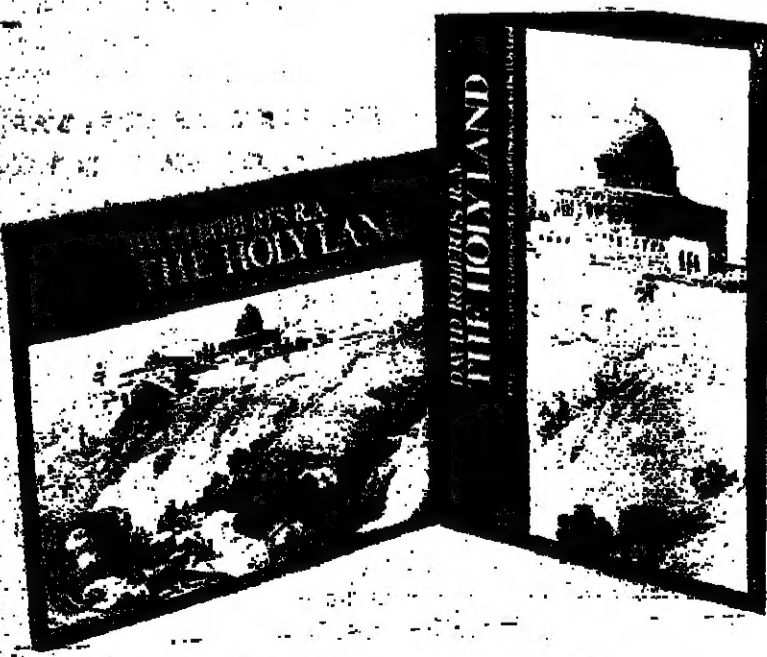
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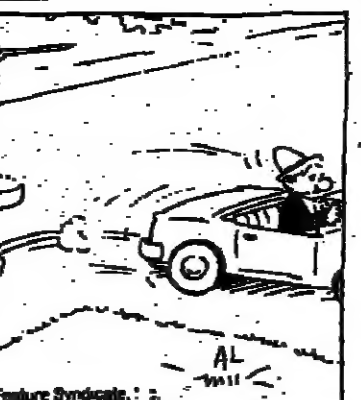
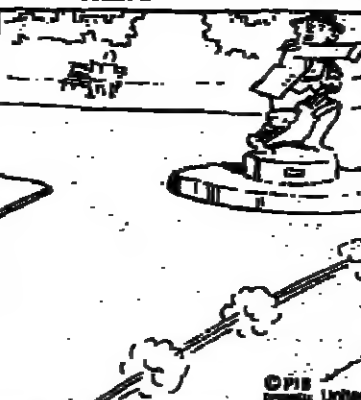
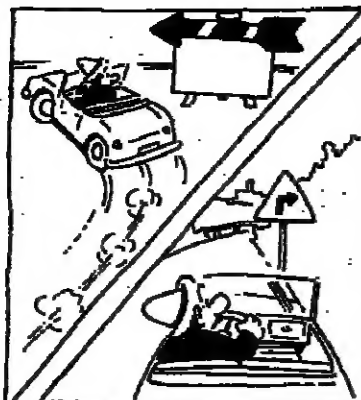
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CHANCES ARE that you can count on one hand the number of women you've seen driving buses in this country. Being a curious transportation correspondent, I decided to investigate this situation, and came up with some revealing — if not downright startling — information.

To understand the problems facing a potential (woman) bus driver, we must first examine the history and policies of the nation's two largest bus companies: the Dan and Egged co-operatives.

Originally, when the first co-operatives were formed in Israel in the early 1920s, they were considered to be truly socialist enterprises. The bus drivers were the owners of their companies; no hired workers were accepted. Subsequently, hired drivers were taken on and, after a trial period, were allowed to join the co-operatives if they purchased stock in them (once the equivalent of the price of a brand-new bus).

Both Dan and Egged today employ hired workers (Egged has 2,000 or so), but it is no easy feat for them to become co-operative members. No one is accepted as a Dan or Egged member unless he is the son of a member and is under the age of 32.

What about a co-operative member's daughter?

"There is no question about it," said a high-ranking official of one of the bus companies. "She cannot become a member."

What can she do, I asked? "She should get married and then the son-in-law will enjoy the benefits that a bona fide son of a co-operative member would have."

Until a few years ago, neither Dan nor Egged had any women drivers. Today, women have managed to penetrate this formally all-male domain, but nearly all of them are temporary drivers. Others have been trained to drive buses only in emergencies.

"At Egged," according to co-operative spokesman Gideon Talmor, "there is no policy relating to women bus drivers. We are ruled in this respect by the Emergency Economic Committee — Melah — which trains women bus drivers for us during times of emergency. These women have shown a special interest in driving buses, otherwise they wouldn't have volunteered for

this job."

In all my talks with male bus drivers, I didn't find one that was willing to accept a woman bus driver as his equal. Nor did I find any — except Talmor — who agreed to be identified in this article.

I ORGANIZED an impromptu discussion on the subject of women drivers, inviting a few of these anonymous fellows to voice their opinions. If I hadn't heard or seen the drivers while they answered my questions, I would have believed that they were pulling my leg or joking with me. But they weren't. They were totally earnest in their comments.

They agreed, rationally enough, that there are no physical reasons why women can't drive buses. Today, I was told, there is no need, as there once was, for a driver to be strong. The dreadfully huge bus tires that once caused problems for even the strongest drivers are no longer changed by them. If a bus tire gets a puncture these days, the driver pulls over and waits for a mobile garage unit to come and fix it.

So, I asked innocently, what bugs the male drivers about women joining their ranks?

"A woman has a period every month and at least one day every month she does not come into work because of this. In government offices and in banks, women are allowed to remain home one day a month without even bringing a sick slip," said one driver. "But a bus co-operative is not an office."

"Just think what would happen on a certain line if it was dominated by women bus drivers. On a certain day, four or five of them would not report to work. What would we tell the angry passengers that will have to wait a longer time for their bus to arrive?"

A second driver butted in, "Forget the period. Think about the babies and children. If they are sick, the father never stays home to care for them — this is the mother's job. So a couple of more days she will not report to work."

A Dan co-operative official who said he was speaking as a driver and not as an official, made a different point. As a husband and as father of a daughter, he said he would not be able to sleep at night if his wife or

Women behind the wheel



Un-cooperatives

Male bus drivers at Egged and Dan told Yitzhak Oked that they do not accept women drivers as their equals.

daughter were out driving buses.

"As sometimes happens, women can drive a nearly empty bus with one or two passengers who can start molesting them. Again, waiting at the end of the line if they are alone, they can be molested — or worse still, raped. This could even be an invitation to be robbed. Most drivers carry money from sales of tickets. Even male bus drivers can get robbed, but the would-be robber will have second thoughts before trying to do this if the male bus driver is young and burly."

The Dan driver also mentioned complaints his co-operative received from religious passengers who are offended by the fact that they are being driven around by a woman. Certain religious elements

— and here we are not talking of ultra-religious Jerusalemites — had evidently threatened to boycott Dan bus lines serviced by women bus drivers.

ANOTHER excuse to ban women drivers that was voiced by interviewees, was that the situation of male and female bus drivers working together could lead to love affairs, and ruin the family life of co-operative members.

I heard this said many times and in many versions (some bordering on Levantine fantasies) with the bus drivers talking in serious tones, or even lowering their voices when they gave this excuse as though they were ashamed, or were trying to tell me in a semi-secret way that they

had heard of a case or two of a male driver being "tempted" to have an affair with a female bus driver.

I asked spokesman Talmor why Egged does not allow women to become members of its co-operative. (His answer more or less reflected the situation at the Dan co-operative, too.)

"Egged at present is not accepting new members. Only sons of co-operative members are being received (up to the age of 32), to compensate for the members that go out on pension every year."

He emphasized that this was not discriminatory against women, since male bus drivers who were not sons of co-operative members were not being accepted either.

Since the withdrawal from Sinai,

Talmor said, Egged has had less work, and after the pull-back from Lebanon, they will have even less. Also he noted that more and more people are buying private cars. Even if there is no significant drop in the service, there is certainly no increase in it which would warrant an increase in the bus-driving work force.

Questioned why daughters of co-operative members are not able to become members, Talmor said that he had not heard of any daughter requesting to become a co-operative member.

Egged employs extra drivers — both men and women — particularly during certain peak seasons. They do not receive *kivut* (tenure) as they are not needed all year round.

I asked Talmor point-blank what he had against women bus drivers. I must admit, he was frank, willing to express his views and stand by them. "I believe that there are professions which should be for one sex. A purely women's profession that comes to my mind is a cosmetician. I cannot visualize a male cosmetician."

"This is why I believe that bus driving should be left in male hands. It is hard work, many hours of work, which sometimes requires one to sleep away from home for several days. I believe that women are simply not built for such a life."

TALMOR added that the present situation at Egged — with only a very small number of women bus drivers being employed usually, on a non-permanent basis — was the best possible one. Because the numbers are not large, these few women bus drivers can be "positively" discriminated against, he said.

As an example, Talmor talked about his wife, who he described as "steering-wheel crazy" and has completed a bus driving course for Melah.

"Now she works on a part-time basis as a bus driver. She does not need this for economic reasons — she simply does it because she likes to drive a bus. She now wakes up every morning at 5.30 a.m., drives a bus from 6.30 till 9 a.m. when she rushes to open a store she owns. She again drives a bus for another two hours in the afternoon."

"She likes the work," said

Talmor, "because she gets easy lines near home. Before this, you could hardly get her out of bed before 7.30 in the morning! I know of several more cases like hers of women bus drivers who do this as a sort of a hobby, or as a change of pace from their regular jobs, and they like it."

But, he claimed, "If they would have to put in a long working day and go on long hauls like most of the male bus drivers, it would then turn out for them to be at best just another job or place or work; or at worst, a drag."

From extended discussions with male bus drivers, I realized that there are some chauvinist attitudes prevailing which don't help the situation of their female counterparts and would-be counterparts. But I also found that the hands of the various women's organizations are not "clean" either.

I talked to a Na'amat spokeswoman several months ago and again quite recently, and did not hear that there were any campaigns being planned or conducted by that organization on behalf of women bus drivers. Nor does it appear that Na'amat is making any effort to persuade unemployed young women to learn bus driving as a profession. And Egged and Dan are on Na'amat's "turf" — they are all affiliated with the Histadrut.

There is a special section of the Histadrut which is in charge of protecting the rights of its women employees. However, according to the women bus drivers I spoke to, this department has done nothing to help them.

Also, I have not seen any promotional materials prepared by the various women's organizations relating to women driving buses, or attacking this all-male bastion of the nation's workforce.

The bottom line is that Israel will probably not see any women members of bus co-operatives for a long time unless perhaps a daughter of a co-operative member makes a test case of trying to become a member, or some organization makes an issue of this by pressuring the co-operatives to open their doors for women. Of course, without several young women bus drivers who are willing to challenge the co-operatives, nothing will change.

ASIDE FROM being tragic, war is inconvenient. Food becomes scarce, other commodities are unavailable and public transportation is reduced, often drastically. But some 600 women are helping ease civilian discomfort during wartime: they leave jobs and homes and take up their positions — behind the steering wheels of city buses.

"I think the reasons for doing this are the same for all women bus drivers," says Ellen Goldberg-Kedmy, a 26-year-old American immigrant, who recently completed the course and received her bus driver's licence. "We want to be useful in wartime, but none of us are the type who can sit and read to people in hospitals."

Other women drivers echo these sentiments. Expressing the need to do something "important" and "interesting" for their country, these drivers have rejected the traditional nurturing/mothering-type options available to women in times of crisis. Besides, they point out, hospitals are largely staffed by women. When men are called to duty great gaps are left in other areas, notably transportation.

On the practical level, wartime occupations for women are mainly volunteer and thus prohibitive to many, while bus driving brings remuneration. "If you have financial responsibilities you must provide," says Ulla Sterner, 45, who immigrated to Israel from Sweden 25 years ago. Sterner attended the first bus driving course open to women in 1975 and worked steadily last summer during the Lebanon operation. Driving a bus is, she says,

"a very good solution to personal and national problems."

In addition to a strong sense of obligation to Israel and the need to earn a salary, these women quite simply love to drive.

Kibbutz-bred Rachel Sheffi, 28, laughingly admits to having sneaked out at 4:00 a.m. to travel the highways. Aware of Goldberg-Kedmy's passion, her husband clipped the newspaper advertisement for women bus drivers. "He told me, 'Here — this is something you're going to want to do,'" she recalls. "The next day I signed up."

Although the women are of varying ages and hail from different countries, a pattern has emerged: all appear to be successful in their careers. A random sampling turned up a medical editor and MA student in public health; an authorized tour guide; an economist and an architect. All agreed that wartime women bus drivers are generally professionals in other fields, but were unable to explain why. "Maybe our intelligence helps us see the great need for bus driving," joked 38-year-old architect Neva Levy, born in France.

Perhaps it is only the serious nature of the women's permanent jobs that has spared the bus companies from pressure to change discriminatory practices. Women cannot be full-time employees of either the Egged or Dan bus companies and, as temporary staff, are not entitled to any benefits or privileges.

According to the women, the companies justify their policy by claiming that toilets and other facilities are not sufficiently equip-

Non-cooperatives

Roberta Rebold discovers that up to several hundred women may drive buses in times of emergency, but not one is regularly employed as a full-time driver.

ped and that, by law, women are prohibited from working night shifts. Says Levy: "Most of the women don't want to work more, but it's still not right. They should have the option."

Of more immediate concern are the problems encountered along the driving route. Told with humor and accented by shrugged shoulders and the odd shaking of the head, each woman relates her own "horror" story.

Driving through Jerusalem's ultra-religious neighborhoods presents the greatest problems. For example, during Sterner's apprenticeship, she and a male driving student following behind had to make several stops in an Orthodox religious area. Not only did her fellow student's bus fill up — and hers remain almost empty, she remembers, she was actually insulted: as she opened the door for a final pickup, a man flung an opened bag of trash at her.

Also, due to the strict religious laws governing touching between the sexes, an Orthodox man will often not hand anything directly to a woman. This meant, says Levy, that certain passengers would drop



their bus fares of tickets half a metre into her hand, thus considerably slowing the boarding process. Several such men even refused to enter Levy's bus.

The women have also had to contend with general prejudice. During one practice session, Sterner was called upon to transport a group of reserve soldiers to the Judean desert. Approaching the bus and seeing her behind the wheel, the commanding officer refused to board, crying, "It's a woman! This is impossible!" Only the urging of some of his men convinced him he had nothing to fear.

Levy encountered apprehension on a Tel Aviv-Dead Sea trip, where

she was part of a driving team. After her male partner had driven the Tel Aviv to Jerusalem leg, Levy took the driver's seat. "What's going on here?" asked the passengers. "I'm very tired," replied the driver, "so my wife is going to drive. Just to be safe, hold on to your seats." Halfway through the trip, he explained the situation and, for the first time, the passengers loosened their white-knuckled grips.

Generally, however, passengers are curious, but supportive, say the women. "Their first reaction is usually to just sit and watch. After they see you know what you're doing it's OK," says Goldberg-Kedmy. "Most people give you a fair chance."

There is no shortage of advice in Israel and that applies doubly to female drivers. Everybody knows this "best way" to take a corner, says Sterner. "Sometimes they even get out to guide and it's helpful," she adds.

"Most of the time people are nice, and happy to see me. Women especially are proud when I'm driving," says Levy. "Many people say 'good luck,' 'beautiful' or tell me I drive very well."

Despite the discrimination of the bus companies, the women agree that the image has been a help to them. Known for selectiveness, excellent benefits and pensions, Egged and Dan are largely respected.

The four-month driving course was extensive and demanding, says Goldberg-Kedmy, adding that half the candidates were rejected during a one-day trial. Together men and women study mechanics, traffic laws, English, defensive driving, geography, first aid and civics. Following these classes are written tests and a two-week six-hour-a-day stint of intensive driving.

To maintain high standards, the women are required to attend an annual three-day refresher course, held in Ashdod. This, like the initial instruction, is free of charge. "It's a great bonus," says Sterner. "These lessons are very expensive and I could never afford them on my own. I'm very grateful."

"I made great friends on the course and we pick up the threads every time I return to Ashdod," adds Levy.

Driving a bus provides an alternative for women who seek to relieve wartime discomfort outside the hospital or factory. "I wish they'd call us at different times, more often," says Goldberg-Kedmy, adding, "I also like the idea of uprooting the conviction that men have a monopoly on this kind of work."

'Greek Week'

To the strains of bouzouki music, the Tel Aviv Hilton this week opened its "Greek Week," organized together with Olympic Airlines and Sun Lines Cruises.

The event features Greek food in the hotel's restaurants, special performances in its night-club, and the sale of Greek doughnuts in its lobby.

On May 1, "Greek Week" festivities will move south for a stint at the Jerusalem Hilton. H.S.

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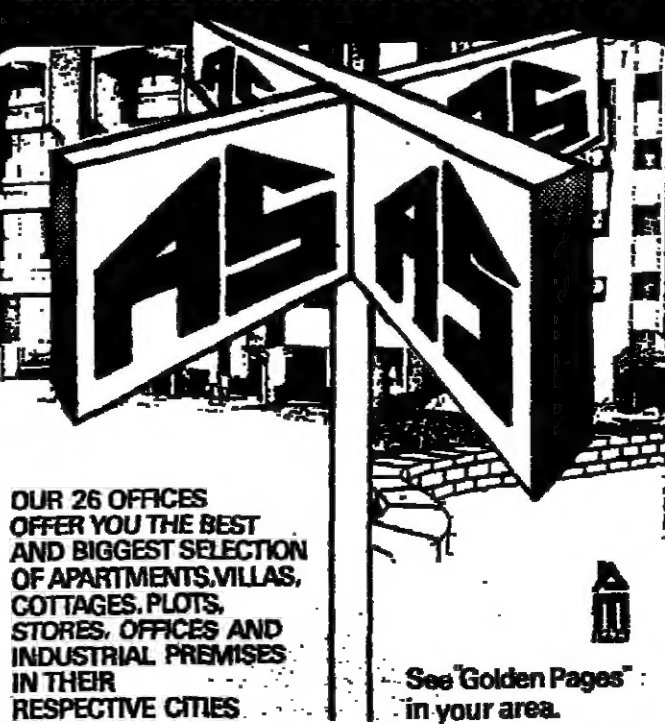
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IF ANYONE needed proof that Sara Levi-Tanai has not lost her touch as a choreographer and that the Inbal Dance Theatre maintains its inimitable character, the performance in Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am, now called the Gerard Behar Centre, on April 13 was there to provide the evidence.

Still titled *The Song of Songs*, the work which was first presented in the Jerusalem Theatre about a year ago, has undergone transformations. It is still a string of dances, but the structure has been tightened and new "vocabulary" added, without changing the "language" of Inbal dance. In fact, it has all its previous essence and nothing of its weaknesses.

"For me it is a religious work," the choreographer told me. "I have made changes — but all from within."

New arm gestures, the shivering of hands with outstretched fingers, upward kicks with bending at the knee, the swaying of the torso forward and back in smooth, rhythmic motion, sideways stepping in a rotary formation — all these are still within the compass of ethnic dance, but freshened.

The early sections had a happy aspect reflecting the words "The Flowers Appear on the Earth," and "I Went Down into the Garden of Nuts," with duets by Malka Hajbi and Zion Nuriel, and Ilana Cohen and Mordechai Abrahamov, but there was charming dance also by the rest of the company. Singing was part of the accompaniment to the dance (music: Gerrard Alon), but two strong solos were sung by Lea Avraham, making a welcome return to Inbal also as dancer.

To the haunting words "I sought him but found him not," a ballet complete in itself gave allegorical meaning to the persecution of the Jewish people. Five men hunted and tortured a woman (Sara Shikar-zai) as lovingly and frightened as a deer, and carried her out strung on two poles like a slaughtered animal. The effect was deeply moving.

In the final section, as the choreographer herself explained (coming out before the curtain),

Change from within

DANCE — Dora Sowden



Malka Hajbi in "The Song of Songs" presented by the Inbal Dance Theatre.

there was a wedding procession symbolizing the marriage of Torah and Israel.

The bride (Lea Avraham) was encased in red velvet and jewelled like a Torah cover, and at one point the bridegroom (Zion Nuriel) carried her reverently like a Torah scroll.

The 13 dancers of the company kept up in their dedicated style the traditions set by Inbal as an essentially Israeli manifestation of the blending of art and ethnic forms.

DANTE'S *INFERNO* (in Cary's translation) begins: "In the midway of this mortal life, I found me in a gloomy wood, astray." Dante is

then led by a guide (Virgil) through the circles of hell, and later by the Feminine Ideal (Beatrice) to the contemplation of the Divine.

Paul Bloom has used the *Inferno* theme to choreograph a work to be presented by the Batseva Company in the Habimah Theatre on May 8, 9 and 10, together with new works by Ohad Naharin and Gene Hill Sagan.

"I am not following Dante literally," explains Bloom. "The denizens of hell are not devils, but human beings like you and me, who in life made the wrong choices." He sees this as a Hebrew concept, giving

free choice and moral responsibility for that choice. He has also been influenced by Rodin's sculptures of "The Gates of Hell" and Botticelli's drawings of the *Inferno*, and has set his work to music by Gyorgy Ligeti.

Bloom came to Israel from the U.S. (via England) in 1977. Always an athlete, he discovered dance only after earning two academic degrees in socio-political subjects. After seeing the London Contemporary Dance Theatre, he began to study dance (on scholarship) and graduated from the LCDT. He worked with a northern English company, came to Israel to work with Bat-Dor and then switched to the Batseva Company, for which he created his first professional work, *Testimony* (music: Shostakovich). He now teaches at the Jerusalem Rubin Academy and in the Beit She'an regional studios, directed by Heda Oren.

THE PROGRAMME for the International Day of Dance in Jerusalem has now been announced in full. It will take place on Monday, in the Jerusalem Cinematheque, under the auspices of the Dance Library, which is part of the Central Library for Music and Dance in Tel Aviv. It will be open to the public.

From 9 a.m.-11 a.m.: Lecture on "How a critic looks at dance" by Dora Sowden, with film illustrations (in English). At 4 p.m.: Film session for children, with talk on *Swan Lake* by Lea Ben-Zvi (in Hebrew). 4.30 p.m.: Symposium arranged by the Union of Israeli Choreographers on "Directions in Israeli choreography" (in the smaller auditorium). 7 p.m.: Films about dance and theatre of the Far East. 9.30 p.m.: Marathon of dance film, lasting three hours and including Kurt Jooss's *The Green Table* (Joffrey Ballet), Balanchine's *Apollo* (New York City Ballet), Balanchine's *Stravinsky Violin Concerto* (New York City Ballet with Baryshnikov), Paul Taylor's *Esplanade* (Paul Taylor Company), Frederick Ashton's *Margaret and Armande* (Nureyev and Fonteyn) and Divertissements danced by Baryshnikov and Gelsey Kirkland.

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ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Helmut Rilling conducting, with Carolyn Watkinson, contralto; David Rendall, tenor; Alexander Malta, bass; the "Gächinger Kantorei" of Stuttgart (Haifa Auditorium, April 7). Schubert: "Grosser der Götter über dem Wasser", for mixed male choir and string orchestra, op.167; Stravinsky: "Symphony of Psalms"; Mendelssohn: "The First Walpurgis Night", for choir and orchestra, op.60.

EVERYTHING was presented with competence and devotion, making the evening a most gratifying musical event.

The programme presented variety and included seldom heard choral works. In Schubert's *Song of the Spirits upon the Waters* (Goethe), the mixed male choir excelled in its evocative blending, elastic dynamics, pure intonation and perfect diction. The choir and the strings, expressing picturesque details, created an enchanting poetic atmosphere with delicacy and precision.

Stravinsky wrote his *Symphony of Psalms* in 1930 "to the Glory of God" and to mark the 50th anniversary of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Its setting of verses from three psalms, express without pause, penance, redemption and praise. The orchestration is interesting — devoid of violins, violas and clarinets. Helmut Rilling, with precise and effective directives, achieved good cooperation between the orchestra and the sonorous and ex-

Gratifying event

MUSIC/Esther Reuter

pressive singing of the *Gächinger Kantorei*, matching the dramatic contents of the composition.

But it was the IPO premiere of Mendelssohn's stage music to Goethe's poem that stole the show. *The First Walpurgis Night*, composed in 1831 and enlarged in 1842, describes the arrival of spring and the rituals of the pagan Druids.

Carolyn Watkinson sang the part of an aged woman of the people in a clear, educated voice, somewhat lacking in warmth. Alexander Malta was a convincing Druid priest and guard, displaying a rich timbre and sonority, although his pronunciation was occasionally unclear. The part of the Christian guard was fairly creditably performed by tenor David Rendall.

Here and throughout the evening, the singers of the choir were in their element, displaying admirable balance and blending of voices in all the groups. Also commendable was their considerable stamina.

The IPO was in good form, playing the orchestral overture and accompaniment with drive. The result

was a good cooperation between all the participants in an impressive and stimulating performance.

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Uri Schneider conducting, with Robin Weiss-Caputo, soprano; Hanna Tzur, alto; Hans Peter Blochewitz, tenor; Dirk Schortemeier, bass; with the Rinat National Choir, directed by Stanley Sperber. (Haifa Auditorium, April 2). Bach: Cantata No. 105 "My God do not Judge"; Brahms: "Nacht" for chorus and orchestra, op.82; Mozart: *Kupfern, K.626*.

THIS WHOLE concert was attractively different from the more conventional programmes of the HSO. For Robin Weiss-Caputo it was a last-minute assignment, as she replaced soprano Angela Paz. Except for some occasional slips and unsmoothness, she sang in a clear, pleasant voice and with controlled phrasing. Also Hanna Tzur performed with a cultivated voice; both guest soloists Hans Peter Blochewitz and Dirk Schortemeier acquitted themselves fairly well in the opening cantata, which was suited to their style of singing.

In the *Requiem*, especially in the *Tuba mirum*, the singing lacked in force and profundity. Although the

Rinat National Choir sang with clear enunciation, displaying a wide range of dynamic gradings, the textures requiring powerful volume were definitely not always within the choir's reach, the electronic amplification notwithstanding. Some difficult parts emerged unclear, such as the fugue in the *Hostias*, but other parts were impressive, as the *Lacrimosa*.

Lack of adequate rehearsal presumably was the reason for the shortcomings in balance between the soloists, choir and the orchestral accompaniment. Although Uri Schneider brought the unremitting drive of his dynamic direction to the Mozart requiem he was only partly successful, because of the above mentioned factors, in exploiting the potential of the work's dramatic content.

The first part of the evening presented Brahms' seldom performed *Nacht* for chorus and orchestra. This melodious work, written in memory of the composer's friend, the painter Feuerbach, is based on a text by Schiller. Conductor, choir and orchestra achieved good results in an involved performance.

Despite its shortcomings, the concert was very well received by the audience, which responded with warm and prolonged ovation.

"yod."

The verb from which *zavav* is derived occurs many times in the Bible with the meaning "to flow," whether referring to water, blood or discharges from the body, as well as to juice exuding from plants, and applies to both milk and date honey.

This column has on a number of occasions noted that the only use of the olive in biblical times was its oil, and "zavav yavit" (not *zayit*, instead of *zavav*) might be appropriate, except that the oil does not flow naturally from the olive, which has to be beaten and pounded and pressed to produce its bounty. Because of that the rabbis compare it to the people of Israel, who produce their best under similar circumstances.

Flow of olive oil

TORA AND FLORA/Louis I. Rabinowitz

reading was not "zavav," but "zayit," the olive. Thus, Israel is described as "a land of olive, milk and honey."

Such a remarkable suggestion is a typical example of the tendency on the part of some modern biblical scholars to change and corrupt the standard text of the Bible, handed down with such loving care as to every jot and tittle. (Incidentally the word "yot" is a form of the Hebrew Rabbi Meyer Miller of Garden

Portion of the week: *Aharei Mot-Kedoshim Lev. 16-20*.
The verse discussed is 20:24.

IN THE SECOND of the two portions read tomorrow, there is one of the 19 references in the Bible to the Land of Israel as "a land flowing with milk and honey." In Deuteronomy 8:8, however, this formulation is replaced by a list of the seven agricultural products of Israel: wheat, barley, fig, grape, pomegranate, olive and dates. Some years ago I referred in this column to the surprising fact that in the *Shema* prayer, which praises the products of the Land of Israel, only six of the seven are singled out for praise, the olive being omitted.

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- Be meaner about drink (4-4)

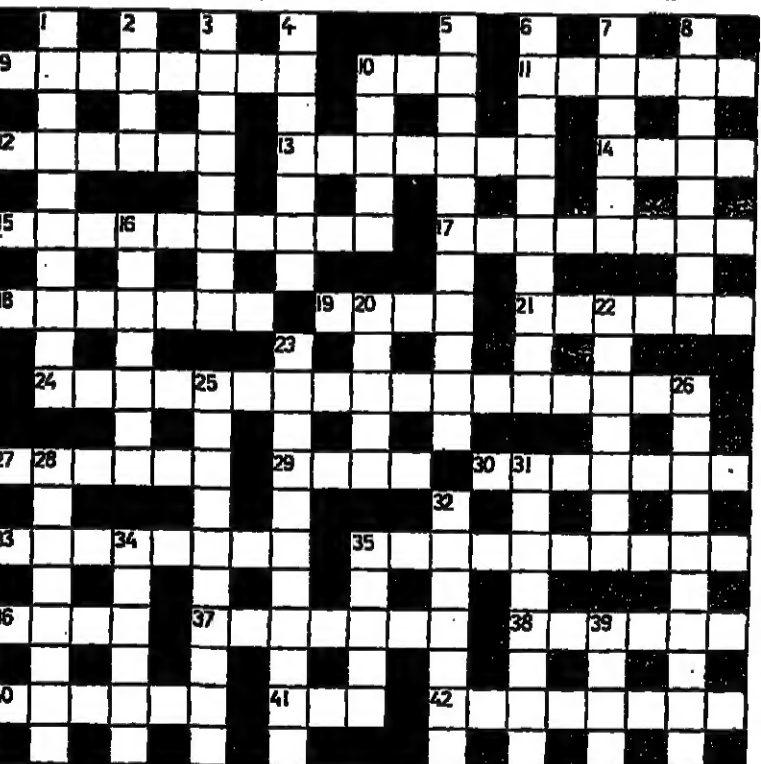
DOWN

- Not getting, because it's not one's style? (10)
- To be unbiased, is pretty (4)
- Because you promise to renounce it (8)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Hobby (8)
- Edible seed (3)
- Pungent vegetables (6)
- Fuel (6)
- Informing (7)
- Masticate (4)
- Subsequently (10)
- Lubricating (8)
- Rich woven fabric (7)
- Blemish (4)
- Entertained (6)
- Large band of musicians (8, 9)
- Motive (6)



- To doctor a wild cat is very hard (7)
- In anticipation, struggled to squeeze the other in (11)
- Father is playing Paganini in the garden... (10)
- ... music you pick up very quickly (6)
- The cop let me go free; that's all (8)
- You figure in what I'm writing about (5)
- To bring it home to one, force one to work (7)
- Boring a hole through Ben's takes ages (5)
- I've worked long on the exterior to accomplish it (7)
- What makes the child who tops the class sparkling-eyed? (6, 5)
- Though very good, made to endure most (10)
- How far from there the man is (5, 6)
- Disruption the rescue of potholes creates? (8)
- Mean the wrong name's been put on the cheese (8)
- When I'd gone in, what was happening was obvious (7)
- With the right hand holding the said, chopped, vegetable (6)
- In the glen, wandering, I found him (5)
- Save up to get a musical instrument (4)

DOWN

- Meddles (10)
- Carry (4)
- Roared (8)
- Height (7)
- Making an inventory (6, 5)
- Assemble (10)
- Chops up (6)
- Prisoner (8)
- Canvassing results (5)
- Pitches tents (7)
- Plain speech (5)
- Pronounced (7)
- Permanently joined (11)
- Skilful work (10)
- Ambition (10)
- Gracefulness (8)
- Unnecessary (8)
- Fervent wishes (7)
- Production (6)
- Oscillate (5)
- Group of stables (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—1, Amber. 6, Dodge. 9, Rotated. 10, Onion. 11, Fee-da. 12, Bower. 13, Pitcher. 15, A.V.A. (rev.). 17, Asia. 18, A-cu-AL. 19, Store. 20, Tracts. 22, NAT-O. 24, E'en. 25, Come-lot. 26, Ang-us. 27, F-I-E-and. 28, Ained. 29, Numb-ers. 30, Strap (rev.). 31, These.
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THE POWER of television is awesome. Last Thursday morning tickets went on sale for the six Israeli performances which had been scheduled for the "Kids from Fame," stars of the NBC-TV series that is no longer even being shown here.

By Friday afternoon, all 42,000 tickets had been sold and another show arranged to accommodate 7,000 additional fans, among them First Lady Ofira Navon and her children. Given the steep price of the tickets — \$560 to \$1,100 — seeing *Fame* was clearly a matter of some importance to a big chunk of the population.

Thousands of young people waited to greet the six stars, 12 dancers, 15 musicians and four back-up singers at the airport on the eve of Independence Day. And 20,000 more were packed into Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Israel to hear them wish Israel a happy 35th birthday before being spirited away to the Tel Aviv Hilton where a midnight press conference had been arranged.

The impact of what was happening didn't hit me even on Independence Day, when Deborah, the usually cool and collected teenage daughter of friends, almost fainted when I agreed to arrange for her to come backstage and meet Leroy, played by the multi-talented Gene Anthony Ray. One performance opened my eyes, however. Given the chance, Israelis are as susceptible as any other nation to becoming hysterical over film and TV stars.

The Yad Elihu sports stadium brimmed with swooning teenagers, holding burning candles aloft and screaming the names of their favourite stars. Even grammar-school-aged children seemed to know all the songs by heart. I had to smuggle Deborah and her friend Sigalit out of the stadium and in through the stage door before the show had actually ended — the producers having warned that after each performance Israeli children mob the gates, hoping to catch a glimpse of the stars.

As it was, a few had figured out how to peer into that portion of the stadium which had been roped off to make an eating area for cast and crew. The young enthusiasts applauded and yelled until Coco (Erica Gimpel) came up to say hello — and then promptly grabbed her by the hair.

As for my young friends, they pinched themselves after collecting autographs from Bruno, Coco, Danny, Debbie, Leroy and Doris, lamented the fact that they hadn't brought another \$1,000 to buy the new record *Fame Live in London* and special brochure, and swore they were taking all their Brooke Shields pictures off the bedroom walls, to be replaced with *Fame* posters.

None of the Israeli public relations staff or production people sitting backstage could remember any other group, local or foreign, causing such a stir.

ACCORDING TO the company's "janitor," Otis Salid — who seems to have access to everyone and every place, the usually-dynamic Leroy is exhausted. *Fame's* schedule here is: up by noon, sightsee and swim until 4:30 p.m., and then travel to Yad Elihu. Wardrobe, make-up and rehearsals last until the first show, at six. An hour's break for dinner and more make-up is followed by a second show, which lasts until past midnight. The stars finally get to bed about 3 a.m., after they've unwound and maybe found something to eat at the Hilton, where all are lodged. And when there's any free time, Israel Television works with them on a documentary about the group's visit here.

Choreographer Debbie Allen, who also plays the role of the dancing teacher, had a little more energy than Leroy on Tuesday night. She'd



(Above) Gene Anthony Ray (Leroy) and Carlo Imperati (Danny Amatullo) in the Kids From Fame's rendition of the hit song 'Desdemona.' (Right) Full cast in the finale.

Fame's famous reception

BETWEEN ACTS/Joan Borsten
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(Above) the big moment. Israeli teenager meets Erica Gimpel (Coco). (Centre) Audience lights candles, to the dismay of ushers. (Right) Debbie Allen backstage.

had an international tour in mind for a while, she explained.

"I thought about organizing a 'Debbie Allen and the Fame Dancers' show because the records were selling so well in Europe," she said, while making up for the second show. "But the producers suggested a company show that I would direct, and so I went with that. After being locked up in a studio for months, performing live gives me lots of gratification."

"They told us that there would be 'Fame-mania' everywhere, but, until you experience it, you don't know what it means. I've performed on stage a lot, so I'm used to hearing the audience roar. But in the case of this show, I just step out on stage and they're already roaring. And it's because I'm Debbie Allen, not because of the part I'm playing. That's really an incredible feeling."

Allen says the Israeli tour is more or less like the company's English tour last January — "except everyone keeps mothering us, which is also nice. I mean, even when I order something to eat at the hotel, the waitress says, 'Now, Debbie, it would be better for you to have this — or that — instead.'"

"THE KIDS FROM *Fame*" is only the first in a long series of grandiose shows which will now begin coming to Israel. Until now, no one in the country had enough sound and light equipment to make such a venture economically feasible. The only other performance we've had on the scale of *Fame* was Elton John, and

the costs of importing what he needed were so astronomical, by local standards, that he donated his services to enable producers to break even.

Three months ago Miron Rechtman went to London and acquired enough equipment for his Bety Bam company to supply the "Kids from *Fame*" with 75 per cent of what they needed. That gave producer Gadi Oron the green light to go ahead and organize, with impresarios Yehuda Talit and Amnon Zaban, the biggest show Israel has ever seen, at a cost of \$350,000. For a share of the profits, the Nofesh Plus travel agency invested the price of flying the 70-person *Fame* company via El Al from Los Angeles to Tel Aviv, from Tel Aviv to Rotterdam, Brussels, and London — where they will give other shows — and then back to the West Coast. They also picked up the hotel, food, and ground transportation bills. Bank Discount's cultural fund, together with Elite, subsidized publicity and promotion.

"It was a risk, but after seeing how the English reacted to *Fame's* tour there in January, I thought we could pull it off," says Oron. "But we've never before worked with such a quantity of equipment, such an enormous cast, or catered to such a large audience in such a short span of time."

It is rumoured that, with *Fame's* successful visit under his belt, Oron, together with Talit, will now try to import such international stars as Joe Cocker, Tom Jones, and Abba.

GEORGE AMSELLEM, a Moroccan-born Canadian film producer, was in town last week looking for the Israeli side of his new movie, *Esther Brandeau*, the story of the first Jew to emigrate to Canada. Set in the early 1700s, the action will take place in France, where Brandeau lived, Quebec, the city she made her home, and Portugal, where her family is believed to have originated. Amsellem is co-producing with the National Film Board of Canada, and, though there are no Israeli locales in the movie, he plans to take advantage of the Canadian-Israeli co-production agreement and film Portugal and France circa 1730 here.

Canada has previously made only a few other movies with Jewish themes, among them the *Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* and *Lies My Father Told Me*. The \$6 million film, directed by Francis Mankiewicz, will be made in English and French. An architect and urban planner by profession, Amsellem last made a film here in 1971. Asked by the Canadian government and Canadian Jewish Agency to do a comparative study of immigration to the two countries, he arrived in time for the Black Panthers' first demonstration. The study turned out to be a controversial, at the time, documentary which included interviews with Panther leaders Sa'adia Marciano and Charlie Biton. He has since made two films in Canada.

THE ISRAELI FILM, *The Last Winter*, which stars Americans

Kathleen Quinlan and Stephen Macht, is scheduled to open here this week. Shot on a budget of \$700,000, the feature marks the first attempt by locals to cash in on the international market by working in English with known stars.

The film's director, Riki Shalach,

is now in the process of organizing another production based on the same concept. He has already imported an American scriptwriter who is putting Hollywood touches on a scenario written for actor Assi Hanegebi. The new film, political in theme, will again be produced by

the Kotsky, Lerner and Gorfing team, whose idea is to once again pre-sell the movie abroad to cover costs.

The Bulgarian-born Shalach says that he made his first venture as a director on the scale of *Last Winter* because he realized that Israelis who begin small spend years between features. "I figured that, even if I didn't make money, the fact that I'd already directed something so big guaranteed me a second chance," he says. "and I was right."

The film's story line comes from director Dan Wohlman. It was turned into a short scenario and purchased by Shalach, who worked on it with actress Yona Eliav. Eliav was looking for a vehicle where she could play a woman who was not "the wife/mother/daughter of someone, but a character in her own right."

The story of two women who both identify the same soldier — missing in action — as their husband, interested Shalach, because he believes that in this country it is the mothers and wives who are most affected by war.

THE TEL AVIV Museum will host a special dinner on May 3, catered at cost, by the Sheraton Hotel. Actor Mike Burstyn was refused Egyptian government permission to film part of *Kuni Lemel in Cairo*, according to *October* magazine, because the script included a reference to the (untrue) fact that Jews built the Pyramids. However, local authorities, unaware of the official position, let him film — which makes Burstyn the first Israeli ever to work in an Israeli film made in Egypt.

STEVE ALLEN, the originator of TV talk shows, and his wife, actress Jayne Meadows, will be leading the sixth annual Hebrew University West Coast Caravan next week. Among the 60 participants will be style-setter Vidal Sassoon, president of the West Coast chapter of the Friends of the Hebrew University, and entertainer Jan Murray. The group, which is coming to Israel via Egypt, will be here for about 10 days. A highlight of their stay will be a reception for them at the Knesset, hosted by Speaker Menachem Savidov.

A Tel Aviv University Hollywood group, headed by Marilyn and Monty Hall, is also due next week.

PRODUCER Menachem Golan will not be the first Israeli member of the Cannes Film Festival jury. Instead, the honour will go to Lia Van Leer of the Israel Film Archive in Jerusalem, who will replace Golan on the select panel.

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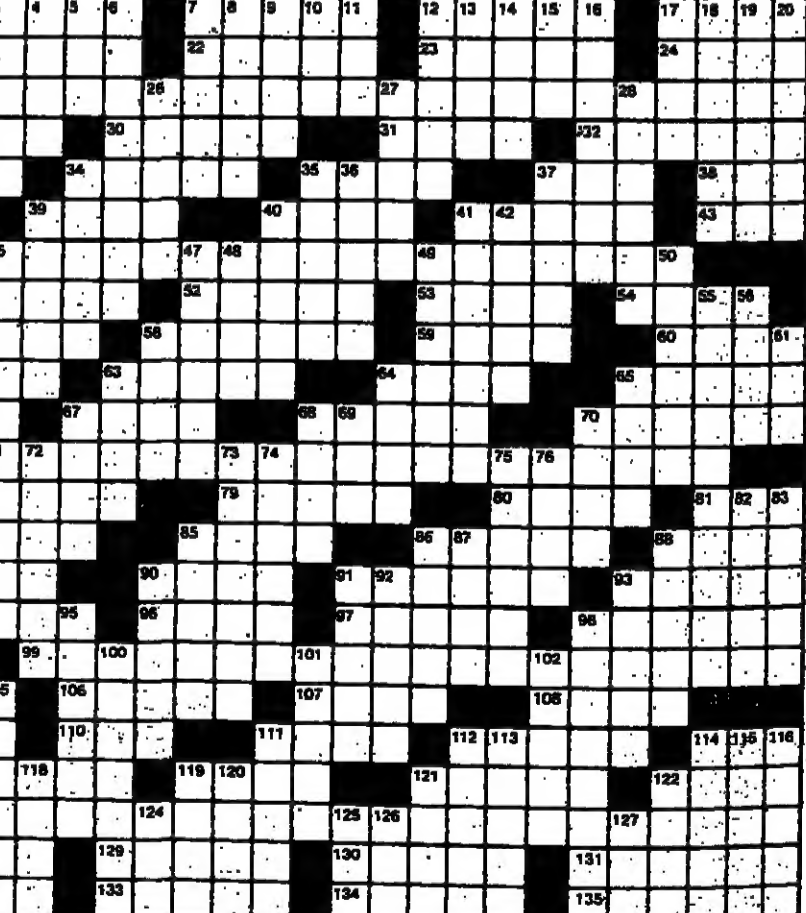
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Watch on Syria

TENSION appears to be on the rise between Syria and Israel. On the Syrian side there have been large-scale army exercises and a redeployment of forces, and there are also reports of a deepening Soviet military involvement. But in briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on Wednesday Defence Minister Moshe Arens was careful not to charge that Syria was actually bent on attack.

The Syrian moves in fact lend themselves to a variety of interpretations. One is that they reflect a process of "drawing conclusions" from last summer's war in Lebanon. Winter, which was especially harsh this year, would have hobbled any serious redeployment, but the advent of spring makes possible the bringing in of new army divisions and heavy armour.

Despite the Israeli denials of any such intentions, the Syrians may also be fearful that Israel is planning to oust their forces from Lebanon if agreement is reached between Jerusalem and Beirut for the withdrawal of Israeli forces but Damascus refuses to budge. The Syrians, misreading signals, could therefore be interpreting Israel's own counter moves in terms of this erroneous expectation.

Finally, however, the possibility cannot be wholly excluded that the Syrians do in fact have an offensive on their minds. They may foresee a situation sometime in the near future in which the balance of forces with Israel would be sufficiently even to warrant at least a renewed war of attrition or a limited conflict for some territory in the north. Whether their Russian allies would, for their own reasons, act to restrain the Syrians or to spur them on to new adventures, is itself one of the uncertainties.

Israel's response to the possibility of Syrian aggression has been spelled out clearly by Mr. Arens. This country, the defence minister indicated, would not stand for another war of attrition, and the Syrians need not expect a limited war to stay limited.

For the moment the view here is that a Syrian-initiated war is not in the offing. The fear is rather that misperception of the other side's aims may have a dynamic of its own which would lead to aggressive escalation, and possibly war.

Israel, for its part, must do everything in its power to prevent any such escalation.

Mr. Aridor's jitters

STRANGE noises have been heard in the Treasury corridors during the past few days, while the finance minister, Yoram Aridor, was away in America. They amount to an admission by senior Treasury officials that the country's foreign currency reserves are shrinking dangerously as a result of the policy of slow devaluation. To stanch the drain on foreign currency, a policy reversal will soon be necessary.

Slow devaluation was conceived as a major aid in the war on inflation. The argument was that moderate changes in the rates of exchange, coupled with moderate rises in government-determined prices, would lower the popular expectation of further rampaging inflation, and thus bring it down. But this "bubble" theory, sold to Mr. Aridor by his one-time advisor, Dr. Yakir Plessner, has been seen to burst with the publication of every recent monthly cost-of-living index, including the latest.

Excuses, to be sure, are never wanting to account for the refusal of the index to show any tapering off of inflation. If it isn't the high prices of fruits and vegetables, then it is the high prices of summer clothing. But the excuses fail to deceive the professionals, and the man-in-the-street, too, appears to shrug them off.

What the "bubble" theory has so far produced is plain to all: falling exports, rising imports, and a widening of the balance of payments gap. Treasury economists are not very much worried by the situation in exports, which they apparently believe will improve with the introduction of the newly decreed supports. But they are very much concerned by the effect of unrealistic rates of exchange on the encouragement of imports.

The country is being swamped with cheap imports, which hurt the domestic manufacturers and waste precious foreign currency. This scourge can only be countered by speeding up devaluation until realistic rates are re-established.

But there's the rub. Mr. Aridor is a very stubborn finance minister, and a shrewd politician to boot, and he will not easily make a U-turn that would be tantamount to a concession of failure. This is just where his Treasury lieutenants, some of them at least, come in. Taking advantage of his current absence, they are preparing the ground on their own for a controlled retreat from an experiment that has already cost the country dearly without netting it any visible benefits.

In the meantime, while Mr. Aridor is busy raising abroad the foreign currency which he himself says the country needs very badly, Israeli citizens are waging that his policy will indeed soon be reversed. They, for their part, are busy buying up cheap foreign currency in the expectation that it will soon rise in value.

Misreading the signals

By YOSEF TEKOAH

KING HUSSEIN's decision, after seven months of procrastination, not to enter negotiations on the basis of President Reagan's plan, highlighted again the doubts regarding the wisdom of United States policy in the Middle East. It does not require exceptional expertise to realize that this policy is damaging not only to Israeli interests. It is not necessary to be a Haig or a Mondale to see its grave implications from America's point of view.

Operation Peace for Galilee was a victory for the United States as much as for Israel. This was so not only because American weapons and military equipment, with an important input of Israeli high technology, proved victorious over Soviet arms and technology, but also because two Soviet satellites — Syria and the PLO — suffered heavy defeats.

In fact, this was almost the only American victory of this kind since World War II. The Free World still lives under the shadow of the debacles in Afghanistan, Iran and Nicaragua, not to mention Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Vietnam, Angola and Ethiopia.

It appears that this victory was squandered by a remarkable lack of understanding and foresight.

Washington's policies since the siege of West Beirut have created a situation conducive to the PLO's political revival. Washington's opposition to the termination of hostilities by an immediate Israeli-Lebanese peace treaty, which would have confronted Syria and the Soviet Union with a new balance of power in the region (and would have redounded to the benefit of all friends of the United States, including Saudi Arabia and Egypt), and thereafter Washington's attitude in the Israel-Lebanon negotiations, have given time and opportunity to Syria and the Soviet Union to recover and to resume their old rejectionist machinations.

IF IT IS in America's interest, as it undoubtedly is, to broaden the framework of peace established (with U.S. assistance) by the treaty between Israel and Egypt, the chance was dimly missed in Lebanon.

If it is in America's interest to bring about the emergence of a new Lebanon, it is by now obvious that under the very eyes of ambassadors Habib and Draper, the country is sinking back into the mire of its past internal tribulations and inter-

national fragility. Above all, Washington misread the signals from the Arab capitals (which did not lift a finger on behalf of the Palestinians during the fighting in Lebanon) and gave priority to the question of a Palestine homeland, in addition to the existing one in Jordan over the fate of Lebanon and the challenge of turning over a new leaf for that tormented land and people.

The concern Israelis feel about America's policies is due not merely to their effect on Israel's vital rights, but also to the sincere wish of most of us to see America succeed on the international scene.

Indeed, probably no other nation feels itself as closely identified with the United States, the values it stands for and the global interests it seeks to protect, as much as Israel.

However, throughout its existence, Israel has had to face American policies which it could not accept. Time and again, Israel has had to decline American advice and proceed as it saw fit, on its own. In certain cases, the United States itself later conceded its errors and altered its positions.

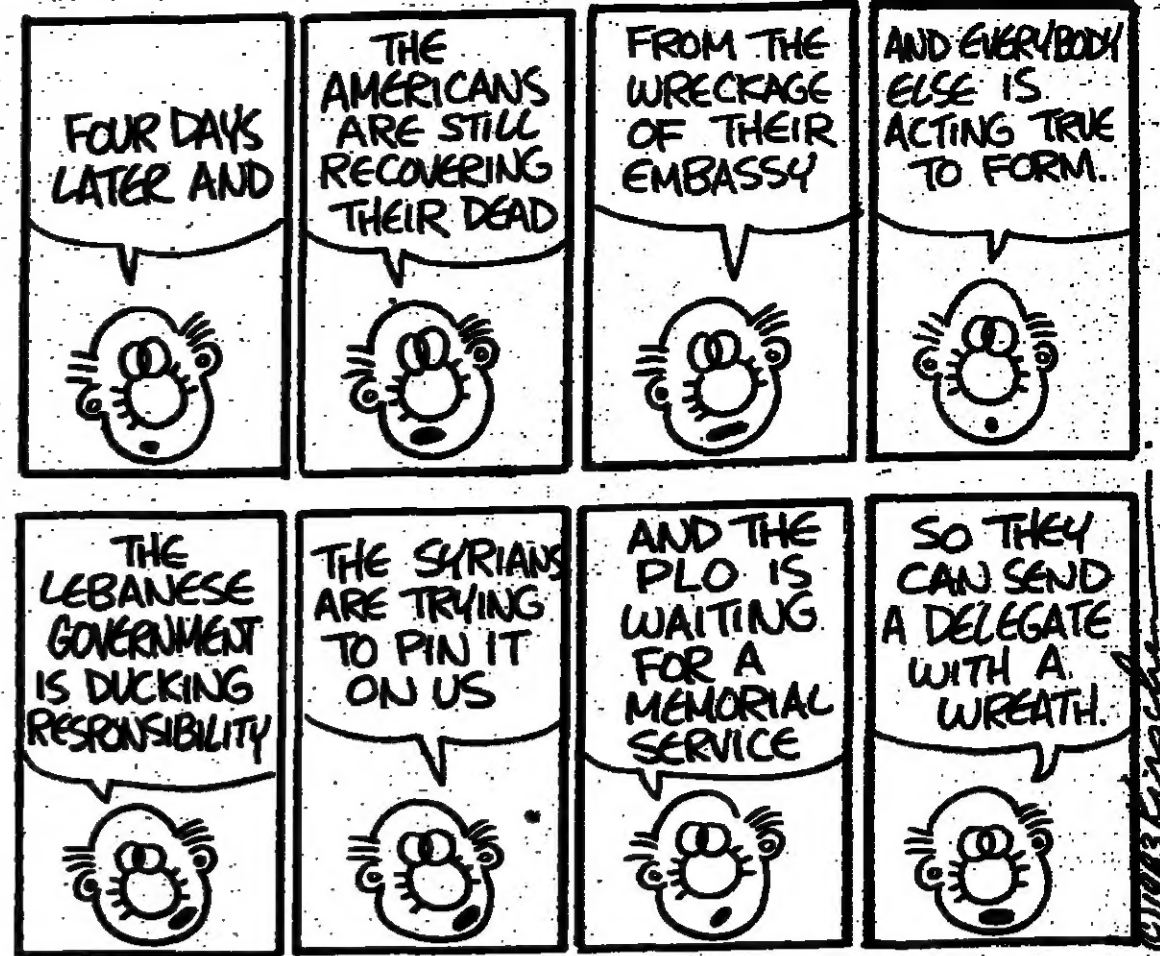
UNDOUBTEDLY, the most dramatic divergence occurred at the time of Israel's declaration of independence. In November 1947, the United States supported the United Nations resolution which called for the establishment of a Jewish state.

However, when the Arab states resorted to force of arms in order to prevent the implementation of that resolution, the United States, together with a majority of United Nations members, shifted its support to the establishment of a United Nations trusteeship over Palestine.

In the weeks preceding the termination of the British mandate in Palestine, Washington's counsel to the Jewish yishuv in the Land of Israel was to shelve *sine die* the plans for independence and accept the creation of an international regime. On May 14, 1948, at the very time when David Ben-Gurion read Israel's Declaration of Independence at an historic assembly in Tel Aviv, the American representative to the United Nations, Senator Warren Austin, was delivering a speech in favour of placing Palestine under a United Nations trusteeship.

No sooner was Israel's Declaration of Independence a fact than the United States became the first country in the world to recognize

The Friday Dry Bones



Israel. Thus, had we hearkened to Washington's advice in the most decisive hour in the history of our people, there might have been no declaration of independence in 1948.

In 1956, Israel took military action to put an end to continuing incursions and attacks from Sinai and the Gaza Strip against the people of Israel and its territory. Israel was allied in this operation with Britain and France, which were smarting under Gamal Abdul Nasser's nationalization of the Suez Canal. The United States, in one of the strangest alliances of the time (those were days of invasion and rape of Hungary by the Soviet Union), joined hands with the Soviet Union, to force two NATO members — Britain and France — and Israel to withdraw unconditionally from Egyptian territory and Gaza.

Under the pressure of Soviet menaces and the threat of American sanctions, Israel, preceded by Britain and France, had no choice but to comply. Moscow rejoiced in a victory over America's allies. Washington realized its mistake and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles later admitted it, alas too late to remedy it.

IN 1967, Egypt's Nasser unleashed against Israel a chain of war acts closing the Straits of Tiran, expelling the United Nations Emergency Force from Sinai and Gaza, and moving his armies to the Israeli border. The United Nations were powerless, the maritime powers were helpless.

Israel felt that it must react in self-defence. From Paris, London and Washington, however, came counsel to seek a diplomatic solution. Two warnings were sent to the Israeli Government by President Lyndon Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk not to take military action. Israel showed restraint, but in the end decided to rely on its own judgment and to take its fate in its own hands.

The Six Day War brought about the beginning of the peace-making process in the Middle East.

In 1977, efforts to settle the Israel-Arab conflict were at a standstill. In a surprise move, the United States undertook in the joint communiqué of October 1 with the Soviet Union to make the latter a full partner in the search for a solution of the Middle East situation.

Israel reacted with dismay and criticism. For years it had been an established and well-known fact that Moscow strives to foment and perpetuate the Israeli-Arab confrontation in order to further its own interests in the region. Yet Israel was accused of adopting a negative and intransigent attitude.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt was disappointed with Washington's attitude no less than was Israel. By then he had come to the conclusion that peace with Israel was essential for Egypt. The American-Soviet communiqué made him decide to launch his historic initiative without even consulting Washington. He flew to Jerusalem, to the astonishment of the United States government which, at first, even expressed consternation at Sadat's step.

The U.S. soon changed its attitude, however, and became an active participant in the negotiations that led to the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

In recent months, as Israel once more became a target of Washington's displeasure and

criticism, those of us who remembered our differences with the United States in the past, sometimes on crucial issues, hoped that Washington will ultimately again see the light and change its erroneous course.

Such a change has now become imperative after the Arab blow to the Reagan initiative, if there is to be any hope of adding Lebanon to the framework of peace in the region and to resume the autonomy talks.

IN ORDER to bring this about there would have to be a modification of the United States' stand on at least some of the outstanding issues. □ Settlement of the Lebanese situation can no longer be considered as merely a matter of speedy withdrawal of the foreign forces and an adjunct of wooing Jordan into the peace-making process. Giving Lebanon a new lease of life and Israel a new partner in peaceful relations, deserves to be a goal in itself.

□ If the negotiations on the future of the West Bank and Gaza are to be resumed, Camp David would have to serve as their basis. The more peace-making efforts become enmeshed in controversial proposals such as the Reagan and Fez plans, the less will be the chances of success.

□ If American, and not Soviet, interests are to be promoted in the Middle East, it would be essential that the PLO be shorn of its veto power over peace efforts, a power resulting in no small measure from Washington's ill-advised moves.

The hour has come for some real soul-searching in Washington. Let us hope that this time, in view of present developments, it will, in fact, take place.

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READERS' LETTERS

DIVORCE IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to Mendel Lewittes' book review of April 1, "Denied a remedy," about divorce in Israel.

According to the halacha, the rabbinical court can issue an order compelling the husband to grant a divorce on certain well-defined grounds, among them cruelty and/or mistreatment. If the husband refuses to comply, the civil law of the state empowers the rabbinical district court to request the legal adviser to the government to put the husband in jail for contempt of court until he grants the divorce.

My study of 20 years of published decisions of the rabbinical district courts shows that this remedy has rarely been used. No changes in halacha are needed and no great new interpretations are required. What is missing is a willingness to use the available and effective remedy.

RABBI STANLEY LEVIN
Petah Tikva.

Sir, — Mr. Lewittes' book review has caused despair to many people who telephoned me to ask whether the situation is as hopeless as his article implies. It certainly is not, and Mr. Lewittes' article only adds confusion to the existing problem.

Halacha is certainly not at fault. We of "Mitzvah" (Fairness to the Family in Court) have proven

through our many trained mediators around the country that a divorce can be obtained easily if the divorcing couples are properly advised and guided through halachic procedure.

The halacha permits divorcing couples to engage divorce lawyers or rabbinical leaders, even though they may obtain a divorce without this particular service or disservice. However, some divorcing couples have a keen desire to destroy their spouses and so they use the divorce lawyers or the rabbinical leaders as weapons to destroy rather than instruments of peace.

A divorcing couple can bring a mutually written agreement to the rabbinical court and the divorce will be processed without difficulty. This can be done without interference from any outsider. Can a divorce law be more liberal than that?

Many people obtain divorces the dignified Jewish way, but nobody ever hears about them, and that is the way it should be. We only hear about the ones who defy the law, either through ignorance, or through the commercial entity of the divorce lawyer or rabbinical leader.

SYLVIA MANDELBAUM
Mitzvah

Netanya.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Today I took a walk in Sacher Park. Tin cans, pieces of paper, discarded cartons and, worst of all, pieces of broken bottles — a very real danger to children and animals alike — littered the whole area.

Up to and during Pessah, it was a joy to stroll there. The gardeners had worked hard and it was a pleasure to see the results of their labours.

Then came the Mimouna. The event itself was delightful and a great success. Everything was well arranged, except for one unfortunate omission. No one had made provision for the masses of garbage. The pathetically small red containers scattered around the park were woefully inadequate to take the rubbish. If large bins had been provided (together with notices asking a largely uncaring public to cooperate), perhaps the place would not be quite such an eyesore today.

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